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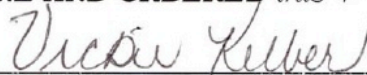
State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

A Proclamation Recognizing Tigertail Beach in the City of Marco Island

- WHEREAS,** *South Florida is one of the most spectacular and popular bird watching destinations in the world, with coastlines that act as migration superhighways for shorebirds, songbirds and birds of prey, and*
- WHEREAS,** *the 2,000-mile Great Florida Birding Trail, a conservation tool fueled by the rapidly expanding hobby of bird watching, is now complete, with the unveiling of the fourth and final leg of the trail, the South Section, and*
- WHEREAS,** *this new section spans 12 counties, showcases 116 prime bird watching sites for both novice and expert birdwatchers, and provides remarkable glimpses of Florida's wildlife, and*
- WHEREAS,** *Tigertail Beach in the City of Marco Island was selected for the South Section from over a thousand applicants, and is one of the best all-around birding sites in southwest Florida—a true "hot-spot" during migrations; its sandy beaches, dunes and mudflats provide valuable nesting, resting and feeding grounds for over 60 species of migratory and resident coastal birds, and*
- WHEREAS,** *the volunteers of the Friends of Tigertail Beach, in partnership with state, county, and city organizations, have provided stewardship and education to foster community appreciation and understanding of this unique habitat to protect this valuable resource and to ensure future generations of Marco Island citizens will be able to view its amazing diversity of shorebirds, waterfowl, and wading birds.*

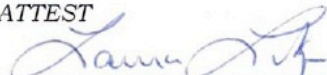
NOW THEREFORE, *be it proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, that Tigertail Beach is hereby recognized for its remarkable ecosystem which makes it such a magnificent bird habitat deserving of special recognition by its selection for the Great Florida Birding Trail. Further, that all citizens are urged to celebrate the stewardship efforts of all the valuable partners, especially by the Friends of Tigertail Beach volunteers.*

DONE AND ORDERED *this 4th day of March 2006.*



Vickie Kelber, Council Chairwoman

ATTEST



Laura Litzan, City Clerk

