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The Honorable Jackie Colon, Chair  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners  
1515 Sarno Road, Building B  
Melbourne, FL 32935

RE: Brevard County Manatee Protection Plan

Dear Chairman Colon:

I am pleased to provide approval of the Brevard County Manatee Protection Plan (MPP) as submitted on January 23, 2003. This plan represents a significant accomplishment for manatee conservation in Brevard County. I encourage you to move quickly to have your staff work on presenting this plan to the incorporated cities within the County for their consideration. Also, if my staff may be of any assistance as you prepare to incorporate applicable portions into your comprehensive plan, please do not hesitate to call upon them.

The approval of this plan represents the culmination of a long-term effort guided by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). I would like to congratulate you and acknowledge that this effort resulted from the cooperation and hard work of many, including: County staff in the Natural Resources Management Office, past and present members of the BOCC, the Ad-Hoc Committee members, and other interested parties. This MPP will serve as a very useful planning document and will help to balance the need for protecting manatees and the need for reasonable access to the waters of Brevard County.

Please pass along my congratulations to the rest of the Commissioners, Brevard County's Natural Resources Management Office, and to the many citizens of Brevard County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. David Arnold of my staff at (850)922-4330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken D. Haddad", written over a white background.

Kenneth D. Haddad  
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Truman Scarborough, District 1, Brevard County BOCC  
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