

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners:

1. Support the preservation and protection of the Okefenokee Swamp and its surrounding watersheds.

2. Advocate for a comprehensive, transparent, and impartial review of any proposed mining activities near the Okefenokee Swamp, including public hearings, public comments, and independent third-party review.

3. Encourage the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to thoroughly review and assess all mining permit applications to the same degree as a thorough U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Area-Wide Environmental Impact Statement, with public hearings, public comments, and independent third-party review.

4. Advocate for legislative measures in Georgia to prevent future strip mines near environmentally sensitive areas, including the Okefenokee Swamp and the blackwater rivers in the Suwannee River Basin.

5. Request the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to engage with the permitting process of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to ensure thorough consideration of environmental impacts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, Hamilton County, Florida, this 20th day of February, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:

Greg Godwin
Ex-officio Clerk

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