

Clean water advocates representing every corner of the state have come together in the past year in the **Floridians' Clean Water Declaration Campaign**. The Declaration, signed by over 143 organizations, is a positive vision to inspire people to work together to find solutions to Florida's water quality and quantity problems and to send a clear message to the state's water managers that the people of Florida demand clean water:

FLORIDIANS' CLEAN WATER DECLARATION

In recognition that:

Clean water is essential for healthy people and a healthy economy.

Florida water quality and quantity are inseparably linked.

Florida waters are held in public trust by the State of Florida for the benefit of its people and the maintenance of natural ecosystems.

We the undersigned hereby declare:

The people of Florida have an inalienable right to:

- 1. Clean drinking water whether that water is drawn from public sources or private wells.*
- 2. Safe lakes, streams, springs, rivers, canals and coastal waters for swimming and fishing.*
- 3. Protection from water pollution and its effects.*
- 4. Know the sources of pollution that threaten Florida's waters.*
- 5. Protection from water privatization and its effects.*
- 6. Abundant water for drinking, fishing and recreation.*

The people of Florida, the state government, and the industries that benefit from Florida's natural resources have the responsibility to:

- 1. Stop pollution at its source rather than allowing it to enter our waters.*
- 2. Protect Florida's waters, as well as the people who depend on them, from overconsumption and privatization.*
- 3. Protect the natural environment which is critical to the health of Florida's people, wildlife and economy.*
- 4. Provide clean water for future generations.*

*By signing this declaration, we **agree to its principles** and **resolve to work together in good faith** to ensure that the future of our waters will be driven by the concepts contained within this **FLORIDIANS' CLEAN WATER DECLARATION**.*

In January 2013 concerned Floridians from more than 100 different organizations in 16 communities at risk from water pollution and the unrestrained over-consumption of water

resources gathered to make a stand for clean water in Florida at simultaneous “Commit to Clean Water” events (held in Boynton Beach, Bradenton, Ft. Myers, Ft. Pierce, Gainesville, Interlachen, Jacksonville, Key West, Palm Bay, Orlando, Naples, Ocala, Stuart, Tallahassee, Tampa, and Vero Beach).

In February of 2014 over 250 clean water activists converged upon Tallahassee for a “We Want Clean Water Rally” and then spread over the Capitol to “talk water” with legislators.

In 2015 we will hold our second annual “Rally in Tally” on February 18 and will be organizing buses and carpools to get activists from this area to Tallahassee to make a “big splash” for water! For our 2015 rally the *Floridians’ Clean Water Declaration Campaign* will join forces with the *Florida’s Water and Land Legacy (Amendment 1) Campaign for a **Floridians for Clean Water & Amendment 1 Rally!***

We hope you can join us to send a double-whammy message to the powers that be!

The *Floridians’ Clean Water Declaration Campaign* uses both a **website** and **Facebook Page** to reach out to Floridians of all stripes; individuals, businesses, organizations, and elected officials are asked to sign the declaration. Organizations and individual activists around the state are gathering signatures at meetings and tabling events. If you would like to join the effort in any way, including traveling to Tallahassee for the ***Floridians for Clean Water & Amendment 1 Rally***, please contact Cris Costello – cris.costello@sierraclub.org.