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Christine P. Johnson, President
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
P.O. Box 902
Osprey, FL 34229

Subject: Letter of Support / Orange Hammock Ranch Conservation

Dear Ms. Johnson,

The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter of support to the Foundation for the permanent conservation of the 5,774 acre Orange Hammock Ranch property based on its many conservation values.

We believe that the preservation of this property presents a great opportunity to protect and enhance the quality of our drinking water supply, provide flood protection measures for the area, and maintain a unique habitat for an abundance of wildlife. In addition, the conservation of this property provides the residents and visitors of Florida with natural recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juril O. Mansfield", written in a cursive style.

Juril O. Mansfield, Chairman