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JOHN SCOTT EARNS ENVIRONMENTAL ENDORSEMENT

Fort Myers, Florida

The first official political endorsement in Southwest Florida by the Democratic Environmental Caucus was awarded to John Scott, candidate for Florida House of Representatives District 79 (Lehigh Acres & N Ft. Myers). Announcing the endorsement at a meeting of the Lee Democrats last week was Karen Scherer, Vice President of the Environmental Caucus' Southwest Chapter.

"The Environmental Caucus endorses only those candidates who pledge to uphold all elements of the Florida Environmental Bill of Rights and who have a proven track record of working to protect Florida's water, air and lands from pollution," said Scherer in explaining the selection process.

Responding to the announcement, John Scott said, "People sometimes forget that tourism and growth fuels the Florida economy. If we expect people to keep coming here to visit or stay then we absolutely must protect the natural wonders that draw people here from around the nation and world. Both our jobs and our quality of life are dependent on a healthy environment."

The pledge made by endorsed candidates includes commitments to protect Florida waters, reduce the state's carbon footprint, manage growth, ensure sensible wildlife stewardship, create green jobs, oppose fracking, strive for environmental justice, promote sustainable practices, reduce air pollution, and work for the integrated achievement of all these goals.

John Hedrick, president of the statewide caucus said, "Our caucus is working to remind all candidates that Article II, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution requires that the state government conserve and protect Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty. It's essential that voters know which candidates have made a concrete pledge to uphold their constitutional responsibilities and their obligation to all Floridians."

About DECF: The Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida (DECF) statewide and local chapters advocates for aggressive political action to protect Florida's air, water, and lands from pollution. DECF supports Green Florida candidates, lawmakers, legislation, issues, organizations & businesses.

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