

RESOLUTION 2013- 23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE MAYORS' CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT, AND AGREEING TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IN WHOLE OR IN PART AS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH MUNICIPALITY, AND URGING ALL MAYORS OF BROWARD COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE MAYORS' CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas of the country to the consequences of global climate change with Southeast Florida being at the frontline to experience the impacts of a changing climate, especially sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for immediate, coordinated, and visionary action to address the impacts of a changing climate and provide for economic and environmental resilience in Southeast Florida, in 2010 the counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe (Compact Partners) entered into the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (Compact); and

WHEREAS, further recognizing the role of State water managers and local governments in this regional initiative, the South Florida Water Management District and one municipal representative from each participating county were invited to participate in this early phase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Compact commitment and through a two year collaborative process involving nearly 100 subject matter experts representing public and private sectors, universities, and not-for-profit organizations, the Compact Partners developed the Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP); and

WHEREAS, the RCAP offers recommendations that provide the common integrated framework for a stronger and more resilient Southeast Florida, including:

- Providing the common framework for Sustainable Communities and Transportation Planning to be aligned across the region
- Recognizing the need to protect and address vulnerable Water Supply, Management and Infrastructure and preserve fragile Natural Systems and Agricultural resources
- Providing steps to move towards resilience and reducing emissions through exploring alternatives and decreasing the use of Energy and Fuel
- Building upon strength as effective emergency responders and integrating climate change hazards in Risk Reduction and Emergency Management Planning
- Providing for effective Public Outreach initiatives to educate the public on the consequences of climate change and providing guidance for developing and influencing Public Policies related to climate change; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that there are more than 100 municipalities within the region that will play an important role in the implementation of the RCAP, the Compact Partners included municipalities in the development of the RCAP; and

WHEREAS, municipalities individually have been working to achieve sustainability, and the RCAP presents an opportunity to align these individual local efforts with the regional framework and vision; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and Leagues of Cities played a key role in the annual Regional Climate Leadership Summits, participated in RCAP Working Groups and now is the time to solidify local government support to advance the RCAP; and

WHEREAS, the RCAP does not provide a mandate but rather serves as a living document (guidance) with options that each regional and local government may align to their own plans and adopt and utilize based on their interests and vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of counties and municipalities to jointly develop and advocate for mutually beneficial agreements, policies and strategies intended to influence regional, state and national resilience efforts advances "Good Neighbor" relationships; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement (Mayors' Agreement) that became a national model for effective collaboration and the framework for more than 1,000 municipalities throughout the nation to take actions to reduce global warming and address the impacts of a changing climate (climate disruption); and

WHEREAS, in 2007, more than 22 Mayors, representing municipalities within Broward County, speaking on behalf of more than two-thirds of Broward County endorsed the Mayors' Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the need exists for Mayors within the region of Southeast Florida to collaborate on a renewed agreement that will advance regional climate action planning within Southeast Florida efforts while continuing to advance the national goals of the U.S. Mayors' Agreement; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the U.S. Mayors' Agreement as a model for influencing regional climate policies and effective public outreach, all municipalities throughout the Southeast Florida region are invited to sign on to the 2012 South Florida Mayors' Climate Action Pledge and to collaborate on implementation of the RCAP starting today and for tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek endorses the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge.

Section 2. That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek affirms support for the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

Section 3. That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek agrees to consider integrating the Regional Climate Action Plan framework in whole or in part as appropriate for each municipality into existing and future municipal sustainability action plans, comprehensive plans and/or climate action plans where and when appropriate and financially feasible.

Section 4. That the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek urges all Mayors within Broward County to join the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of February, 2013, on a motion by

Commissioner Aronson and seconded by Vice Mayor Belvedere.

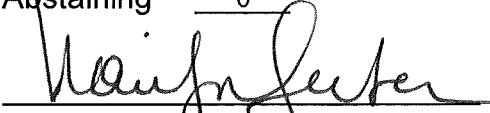
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Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent or

Abstaining 0


Marilyn Gerber, Mayor

Attest:


Barbara S. Price, MMC
City Clerk

Gerber Aye

Belvedere Aye

Sarbone Aye

Tooley Aye

Aronson Aye