

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-287

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVOCATING FOR FEDERAL FUNDING AND NATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO SEA LEVEL RISE AND RELATED FLOODING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, flooding during king tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that if unaddressed will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, a 2016 study republished by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce found that high-tide flooding in Miami Beach has increased by more than 400% since 2006 (Wdowski 2016 - last viewed November 26, 2018 at <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/event-tracker/king-tides-cause-flooding-florida-fall-2017>); and

WHEREAS, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”), the global mean sea level has risen by eight (8) inches (20 centimeters) since 1870, and the rate of sea level rise is faster now than at any time in the past 2,000 years—that rate has doubled in the past two (2) decades; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to the State of Florida given that the limestone bedrock beneath much of the state allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) research showing that one dollar spent on disaster prevention saves four dollars in recovery costs (last viewed on November 26, 2018 at https://www.fema.gov/pdf/hazard/hurricane/2008/gustav/mitigations_value_factsheet2008.pdf); and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for municipalities to fully address the challenges of sea level rise and flooding, and the American Flood Coalition, a non-partisan non-profit 501(c)(4) organization, is a platform advocating for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding, and invests in and protects our U.S. coastal states (see <https://floodcoalition.org/>); and

WHEREAS, the American Flood Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance the City's sea level rise effort; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and flooding are important issues that residents deserve to understand, and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, there is no financial support obligation or cost to the City to join the American Flood Coalition, and as a member, the American Flood Coalition will aid the City's efforts to protect against flooding; and

WHEREAS, this membership furthers the efforts that the City has already made to protect against flooding and sea level rise by using modern engineering principles to improve City-owned infrastructure and contributing resources toward the development of a Broward County-wide 100-Year Flood Elevation Map and Associated Modeling study; and

WHEREAS, among the cities in Broward County that have joined the American Flood Coalition are Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Hillsboro Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Hollywood, and Coral Springs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and business owners to ensure the prosperity of the City economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding.

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

Section 1: That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City, its residents, and property owners.

Section 3: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 4: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2018.

Joshua Rydell, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Rydell	<u>Aye</u> ___
Welch	<u>Aye</u> ___
Tooley	<u>Aye</u> ___
Sarbone	<u>Aye</u> ___
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u> ___