

RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 2203

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA (“TOWN”) AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN’S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATION TO SUSPEND NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM PREMIUM HIKES; URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PASS THIS MUCH NEEDED LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The National Flood Insurance Program provides help in a vital way to the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen announced her co-sponsorship of the following legislation that would work to keep flood insurance rates affordable for South Floridians:

- Impose four year delay of any rate hikes for most properties while FEMA completes an affordability study;
- Require FEMA to propose an affordability framework;
- Allow policyholders who successfully appeal a map determination to be reimbursed from National Flood Insurance Funds;
- Eliminate the cap on state and local contributions to levee construction and reconstruction;
- Allow the lowest proofed opening in a home to be utilized for determination of flood insurance rates;
- Establish a Flood Insurance Rate Map Advocate within FEMA to answer questions about the flood mapping process;
- Require FEMA to certify the agency has adopted a modernized risk-based approach; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has co-sponsored the following legislation to keep flood insurance rates affordable for South Floridians:

- H.R. 3370, the bipartisan Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act to delay rate increases for approximately 4 years.
- H.R.3218, the Flood Insurance Fairness Act, a bill that would delay the Oct 1 flood insurance premium increases in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- H.R.3312, a bill that will cap premiums over the period of homeownership to being no more than the value of the property.
- H.R.2199, the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act, which is a three year delay in implementing an increase in flood insurance rate premiums.
- Signed onto a letter to House leadership opposing flood insurance rate hikes that encourages relief for the millions of homeowners and small businesses susceptible to steep rate increases across the country.

- Signed letter to FEMA asking it to use its authority to keep flood insurance rates affordable.
- Voted to shield flood insurance policyholders from excessive rate increases in this year's FY14 Homeland Security Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to urge the U.S. Congress to pass this much needed legislation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization. The Town Commission approves and authorizes the Town Manager and/or his designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 3. Directions to Town Clerk. The Town Commission directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2013.

Motion by Vice Mayor Karukin, second by Commissioner Olchyk.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Joseph Graubart
 Commissioner Michelle Kligman
 Commissioner Marta Olchyk
 Vice Mayor Michael Karukin
 Mayor Daniel Dietch

YES
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 Daniel Dietch, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Sandra Novca, CMC
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**



Linda Miller, Town Attorney