

RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 2211

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING BEACH DUNE RESTORATION AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 1, 2014 AS THE “TOWN OF SURFSIDE RE-NOURISH THE BEACH DAY”; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Town of Surfside is a beautiful coastal community located in the tropical paradise of South Florida. With the town’s recent support for the South Florida Regional Climate Compact, we firmly believe beach dune protection and restoration is a vital element in sustaining our fragile beachfront; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Coastal Office manage 825 miles of sandy coastline. Florida’s beaches serve several important functions, each being vital to maintaining the health of Florida’s economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, The beach and dune system is our first line of defense against rising sea levels and storms because it acts as a buffer between the storm waves and coastal development; and

WHEREAS, The coastal sandy beach system is home to hundreds of plants and animals including several endangered or threatened species of sea turtles. Most are dependent upon the beaches, dunes and near shore waters for all or part of their lives. Beaches are used by resident and migratory shorebirds for resting, foraging and nesting and during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, More than 30 plants and animals considered rare within the state inhabit the beach and adjacent habitats. These plants and animals are adapted to living in the beach’s harsh environment of salt spray, shifting and infertile sand, bright sunlight, and storms; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Surfside complies with all State and Federal regulations that afford protection of the fragile coastal shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Youth Environmental Alliance (YEA), along with student and adult volunteers; will partner the Town of Surfside to remove exotic invasive plants and replace with native dune species, helping restore and protect the vital coastal strand habitat in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Surfside, in partnership with YEA, is declaring Saturday, January 01, 2014 to be the inaugural Re-Nourish the Beach Day at the Surfside Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Surfside are encouraged to learn more about the coastal habitat, how they protect turtle nesting habitat and the benefits they provide to countless species of marine and birdlife; and

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. Support by the Town of Surfside Town Commission. The Town Commission supports the partnership with the Youth Environmental Alliance and does hereby declare January 1, 2014 Town of Surfside Re-Nourish the Beach Day.

Section 3. Authorization and Approval. The Town Commission authorizes and approves the Town Manager and/or his designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Youth Environment Alliance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December 2013.

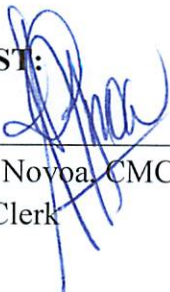
Motion by Commissioner Olchyk, second by Commissioner Kligman.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION


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



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sandra Novoa, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Linda Miller, Town Attorney