

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2280

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE SEA LEVEL RISE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND URGING THE BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO IMPLEMENT SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS; ENCOURAGING OTHER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MIAMI-DADE SEA LEVEL RISE TASK FORCE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. AND MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the world's scientific community has reached consensus that human-induced climate change is occurring and is causing sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, its wildlife, natural lands, water supply, vital facilities, and infrastructure are especially vulnerable to the impacts of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists and other groups have predicted the potential erosion of dry land and loss of property and natural resources in Miami-Dade County as a result of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, a U.S. Geological Survey study concluded that sea levels along the east coast of the United States will rise three to four times faster than the global average over the next century and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has projected that the water around Miami could rise up to 24 inches by 2060; and

WHEREAS, parts of Miami-Dade have already experienced an increased frequency of urban flooding caused by higher high tides, elevated groundwater levels, and over saturated soils, and without any action, these rising tides will pose a significant threat to the Town's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force ("SLRTF") reviewed the relevant data and prior studies, assessments, reports, and evaluations of the potential impact of sea level rise on vital public services and facilities, real estate, water and other ecological resources, water front property, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the SLRTF issued a report with their findings on July 1, 2014, that included a comprehensive and realistic assessment of the likely and potential impacts to sea level rise and storm surge over time, to be used to help develop a set of recommendations relative to

amendments to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan, capital facilities planning, budgetary priorities and other County programs as necessary to ensure that Miami-Dade County is taking all appropriate actions to reduce its contributions to climate-induced sea level rise and to ensure its resiliency to the increase in sea level rise, storm surge and related impacts which are expected to occur; and

WHEREAS, the SLRTF set forth numerous recommendations in their report that, if implemented would aid Miami-Dade County in coping with the inevitable consequences of this measurable, tractable, and relentless reality of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will discuss the adoption of various resolutions to move the recommendations of the SLRTF into action; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside seeks to work collaboratively and jointly with Miami-Dade County to ensure the quality of life and economy of Town residents is protected.

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. The Town supports the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force efforts and recognizes that human-induced climate change is occurring and is causing sea level rise that affect Miami-Dade County's wildlife, natural lands, water supply, vital facilities, and infrastructure. The Town therefore supports the adoption of sound resolutions to implement the recommendations of the SLRTF.

Section 3. Request by Town of Surfside Commission. The Town requests the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to ensure the language contained in the resolutions is action-oriented and furthers the process of preparing Miami-Dade County and its natural and built environment for the inevitable rise in sea level.

Section 4. Municipalities. The Town further encourages other Miami-Dade County municipalities to join the Town in supporting Sea Level Rise Task Force recommendations.

Section 5. Directions to Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. and municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Karukin,

Second by Commissioner Oldyk.

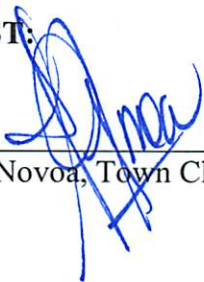
FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Barry Cohen	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Michael Karukin	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Marta Olchyk	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Daniel Dietch	<u>yes</u>



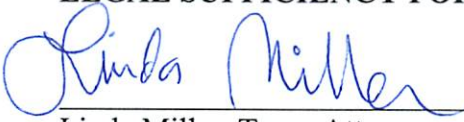
Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:



Linda Miller, Town Attorney