

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2313

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA MAYORS' BEACH ALLIANCE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ALL THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA MAYORS' BEACH ALLIANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as a tourism destination, the beaches and the coastal barrier islands in Miami-Dade County are the most important economic engine for South Florida; and

WHEREAS, aside from being a major economic asset, or beaches also provide much needed protection against storm surge and the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas of the country with respect to the consequences of global climate change, especially sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Florida is also vulnerable to hurricanes, and storm surge from other large storms, during the months of June to November; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies indicate that, due to climate change, extreme weather events such as storms and hurricanes will increase in frequency and intensity due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, a healthy beach and dune system provide the first line of defense against hurricanes and storm surge events; and

WHEREAS, coastal barrier islands experience seasonal shoreline erosion during the winter season when higher wave energy erodes the beach, which beach restoration or renourishment efforts help to combat; and

WHEREAS, a South Florida Mayors' Beach Alliance would be a coalition of the barrier island municipalities of the Village of Key Biscayne, Town of Surfside, City of Miami Beach, City of Sunny Isles Beach, Town of Golden Beach and Bal Harbour Village whose purpose is to urge the county, state and federal government to develop long-term solutions to restore beaches impacted by erosion; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to support the creation of the South Florida Mayors' Beach Alliance.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above and foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Support. The Town of Surfside supports the creation of the South Florida Mayors' Beach Alliance.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County and all member municipalities of the South Florida Mayors' Beach Alliance.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED on this 11th day of August 2015.

Motion by Vice Mayor Tourgeman.

Second by Commissioner Olchyk.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION


Commissioner Barry R. Cohen
Commissioner Michael Karukin
Commissioner Marta Olchyk
Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman
Mayor Daniel Dietch

yes
yes
yes
yes
yes



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Linda Miller, Town Attorney