

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 2351

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE \$300 MILLION OF THE FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND ANNUALLY TOWARD LAND ACQUISITION; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS, population growth and development are projected to increase in the next two decades and will pose major challenges to our natural resources and the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of Florida voters, 4.2 million people, voted on November 4, 2014 for a Constitutional Amendment known as Amendment 1 to acquire the best of what is left of our natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature represents the interest of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS; there are natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational potential reaching across Florida from west to east and north to south; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside urges the Florida Legislature to fulfill its obligation to its people to provide significant additional funding for conservation land acquisition as called for by Amendment 1; and

WHEREAS, there are future significant land purchases of great importance to Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, lands in Florida need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights for the future prosperity of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY 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. Urging by the Town of Surfside Town Commission for Land Acquisition Funding. That the Town of Surfside, Florida urges the Florida Legislature that as long as the Amendment 1 Constitutional Amendment is in effect, at least \$300 million be provided on an annual basis for land acquisition and that such acquisition be in accordance with the currently established Florida Forever Program.

Section 3. Town of Surfside Considers Conservation Land Acquisition a Crucial Public Issue. That the Town of Surfside considers land acquisition under Amendment 1 to be a crucial public issue to the State of Florida's future.

Section 4. Authorization and Implementation. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Legislature.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Karukin.

Second by Commissioner Cohen.

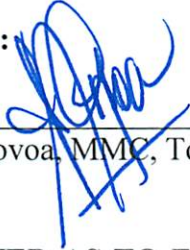
FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

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



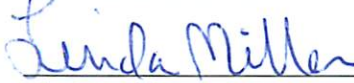
Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

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



Linda Miller, Town Attorney