

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2484

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LANGUAGE IN THE FY 2018 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND THE 2018 DISASTER RECOVERY SUPPLEMENTAL PROVIDING FOR 100 PERCENT FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL STUDY AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 1204 OF THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION ACT, WITH THE NECESSARY LANGUAGE AND FUNDING TO ENSURE INCLUSION OF THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED CENTRAL AND SOUTH FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT AND ITS AREA AS PART OF THIS STUDY; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS STATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Surfside (“Town”) adopted Resolution No. 15-2320 on September 8, 2015 expressing support for the Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane project, and urging Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (the “Army Corps”) to provide recurring appropriations to advance beach nourishment in Surfside and Miami-Dade County on or ahead of schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2016, the United States Congress passed the 2016 Water Resources Development Act as a part of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016, authorizing the Army Corps to study the benefits of replenishing Florida Beaches with foreign sand; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-2420 on February 16, 2017, supporting the use of foreign sand in beach nourishment projects and urging the United States Congress to expedite and fund the study addressing the benefits of replenishing beaches with foreign sand; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission adopted Resolution No. 17-2447 on September 18, 2017, urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funds during the 2018 Legislative Session for beach renourishment projects in Miami-Dade County, specifically within the Town of Surfside; and

**WHEREAS**, the region is highly vulnerable to the impacts of extreme weather and storm surge with more than \$30 billion in vulnerable coastal real estate and \$46 billion in annual economic exposure, an exposure that has been heightened with Hurricane Irma.; and

**WHEREAS**, the region of south Florida is recognized to constitute one of the most significant economies in our nation with key economic sectors that include tourism, international trade and agriculture, generating a Gross Regional Product of \$328.9 billion in 2016, exceeding that of 31 of the nation's 50 states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's beach is scheduled, pending the availability of Federal, State and County funding, to be renourished in 2018 as part of the Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

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

**Section 1. Recitals Adopted.** That the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

**Section 2. Urging Members of the United States Congress to Fund Study.** The Town urges the United States Congress to expedite funding for the South Atlantic Coastal Study authorized in section 1204 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, with the necessary language and funding to ensure inclusion of the previously authorized Central and South Florida Flood Control Project and its area as part of this study.

**Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to United States Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Florida and mayors of coastal communities throughout Miami-Dade County.

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

**Section 5. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

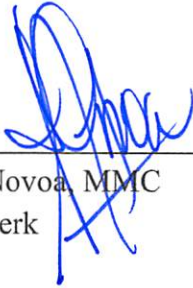
Motion By: Commissioner Karukin

Second By: Commissioner Gielchinsky

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Michael Karukin	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Tina Paul	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Barry Cohen	<u>yes</u>
Mayor Daniel Dietch	<u>yes</u>

Attest:

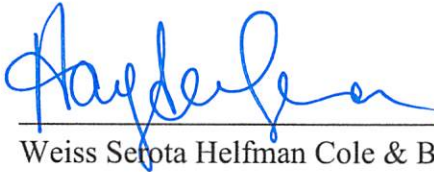


Sandra Novoa, MMC  
Town Clerk



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.  
Town Attorney