

RESOLUTION No. 19-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, ALLOWING FOR THE CITY OF DORAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, flooding during king tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, sea levels have risen eight (8) inches since 1950, with scientific projections forecasting another eight (8) inches in the next twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just three (3) inches since 2000 has increased flooding in parts of Florida by 300%; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all of Florida given the limestone bedrock beneath much of the state which allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves up to \$7 in recovery costs; and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal towns to fully address the challenge of flooding and sea level rise, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise that invest in and protect our coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of residents and ensure the prosperity of the economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS**

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 3. Authorization. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral, Florida, hereby recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City's residents.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this Resolution.

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Mariaca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of August, 2019.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY