

RESOLUTION No. 18-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY OF DORAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SEAWALL COALITION COMPOSED OF NONPARTISAN ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITIES, MILITARY GROUPS, BUSINESSES AND LOCAL LEADERS WITH AN INTEREST TO DEVELOP NATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS SEA LEVEL RISE AND FLOODING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the "City") is proactively addressing the issue of flooding through the Stormwater Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Community Educational Programs, active Floodplain Management Program, and a professional staff certified in Floodplain Management; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the significant economic impacts of flooding during king tides on coastal communities' infrastructure and businesses, and long-term impacts on the growing problem of sea levels rise; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise has risen 8 inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another 8 inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just 4 inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all 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 flood recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves \$4 in recovery costs; and

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

WHEREAS, the Seawall Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance the City's sea level rise effort; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and flooding are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the Seawall Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, joining the Seawall Coalition will aid the City's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that joining the Seawall Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and businesses and ensure the prosperity of the City 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 a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. **Approval.** The City's participation in the Seawall Coalition is hereby approved, recognizing the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and desiring for the City to work as a member of the Seawall Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City's residents.

Section 3. **Implementation.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such further action as may be reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution.

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

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

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of August, 2018.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY