



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, FOR THE CITY OF NORTH PORT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, sea levels have risen eight (8) inches since 1950 at a speed that has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another eight (8) inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just three (3) inches since 2000 has increased flooding in parts of Florida by 300 percent; 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 flood recovery, as exemplified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency research showing that one dollar spent on disaster prevention saves up to seven dollars 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 American Flood Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to flooding and sea level rise that will enhance the City's resilience effort; and

WHEREAS, flooding and sea level rise are important issues that the City's residents deserve to understand, and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on flooding challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid the City’s efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Comprehensive Plan - Chapter 5 Conservation & Coastal Zone Management Element, Goals, Objectives, & Policies, Objective 5 considers the impacts of sea level rise in relation to the location and design of existing infrastructure, the location and design of new City-maintained infrastructure and facilities, and in the evaluation of proposed development projects within the City; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The above recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

2.01 The City Commission hereby declares its intent to join the American Flood Coalition and directs the City Manager to take steps necessary to enroll the City as a member of that organization.

2.02 The City Commission 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 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution or portions thereof, the provisions of this resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

5.01 This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida this 23rd day of April 2019.

THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

CHRISTOPHER HANKS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHRYN WONG
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY