

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 – 14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST PETE BEACH FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S VETO OF THE FUNDING FOR THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is an association of local governments and gubernatorial representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council brings together governments to coordinate planning for the community's future and to provide an opportunity for sharing solutions among the 43 jurisdictions in the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was established as Florida's first Regional Planning Council in 1962 when representatives from St Petersburg, Clearwater and Tampa recognized the need for regional coordination. These three cities believed that growth and community issues extend beyond the county and municipal boundaries, a concept that still defines the Council's purpose today; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council encompasses the counties of Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas. The said counties are required by law to exercise regional cooperation through membership on the Council. The municipal members include Bradenton, Clearwater, Dade City, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, New Port Richey, Oldsmar, Palmetto, Pinellas Park, Plant City, Safety Harbor, St Petersburg, St Pete Beach, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Temple Terrace and Treasure Island; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's specific duties include Future of the Region, A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region, environmental management, water quality and emergency preparedness planning, protection and restoration of the Tampa Bay Estuary, economic analysis, coastal zone management, housing and infrastructure analysis, hurricane evacuation and recovery planning, development of regional impact review, local government comprehensive plan review, cross acceptance, dispute resolution and review of transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, recently Governor Rick Scott vetoed, for the second straight year, funding for the State's eleven Regional Planning Council, including the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST PETE BEACH, in session duly and regularly assembled, that:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of St Pete Beach hereby opposes the actions of Governor Rick Scott by vetoing the funding of the Tampa Bay Regional

Planning Council and urges the Governor to reconsider his position as to the funding of all eleven Regional Planning Councils within the State of Florida.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of St Pete Beach urges Florida's other county and municipal officials to contact the Governor's office and express their opposition to the actions of the Governor in vetoing the funding for the State's eleven Regional Planning Councils.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Rick Scott as well as the other members of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.



MAYOR

ATTEST:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk