

## RESOLUTION 2019-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PINELLAS, STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just four inches in the last ten years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%; 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 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 American Flood 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 American Flood 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 American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise 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 is incorporating flood prevention technologies in on-going infrastructure improvements; 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 St. Pete Beach that:

Section One: The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section Two: 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.

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida.

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Alan Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

  
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Andrew Dickman, City Attorney