



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC# 097-2015

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2015

SUBJECT: **CITY OF HOMESTEAD RESOLUTION**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. R2015-02-21, adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Homestead on February 18, 2015.

A Resolution Of The City Of Homestead, Florida, Encouraging Miami-Dade Board Of County Commissioners To Adopt A Plan Of Action To Address Sea Level Rise; Directing The City Clerk To Transmit A Copy Of This Resolution To The Mayor And County Commissioners Of Miami-Dade County, Florida, The Miami-Dade County League Of Cities, Inc. And Municipalities In Miami-Dade County; And Providing For An Effective Date.

The City of Homestead has requested that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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Attachment

**CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R2015-02-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A PLAN OF ACTION TO ADDRESS SEA LEVEL RISE; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. AND MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies have established that South Florida is comprised of some of the world's most vulnerable areas to the impacts of sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, scientists believe that the rising sea level will threaten some of the region's most vital facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, South Florida's sea level rose about eight inches during the past century, and is projected to increase by as much as two feet as early as 2048 and could go up to three feet by 2063; and

**WHEREAS**, South Florida is exceptionally vulnerable to sea level rise due to its unique geology that is built on porous limestone which is slowly filling up as the sea level rises, making the land, streets and neighborhoods more likely to flood and cause sewer systems to back up into homes and gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, southeast Florida's roads, bridges, and businesses already are facing flooding because of higher sea levels; and

**WHEREAS**, rising sea level threatens all of South Florida's popular coastal areas and could alter the freshwater supply that feeds our cities and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, with sea level rise of only three to nine inches, southeast Florida could lose 70 percent of its drainage capacity in the 28 control structures that protect the region from flooding and saltwater intrusion; and

**WHEREAS**, parts of Miami-Dade have already experienced an increased frequency of urban flooding caused by higher high tides, elevated groundwater levels, and over saturated soils; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force ("SLRTF") reviewed the relevant data and prior studies, assessments, reports, and evaluations of the potential impact of sea level rise on vital public services and facilities, real estate, water and other ecological resources, water front property, and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the SLRTF issued a report with their findings on July 1, 2014, that included a comprehensive assessment of the likely and potential impacts of sea level rise and storm surge over time, to be used to help develop a set of recommendations relative to amendments to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan, capital facilities planning, budgetary priorities and other County programs as necessary to ensure that Miami-Dade County is taking all appropriate actions to address sea level rise and to ensure its resiliency to the increase in sea level rise, storm surge and related impacts which are expected to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the SLRTF set forth numerous recommendations in their report that could aid Miami-Dade County in coping with sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will discuss the adoption of various resolutions to move the recommendations of the SLRTF into action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1. Recitals.** That the above- stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

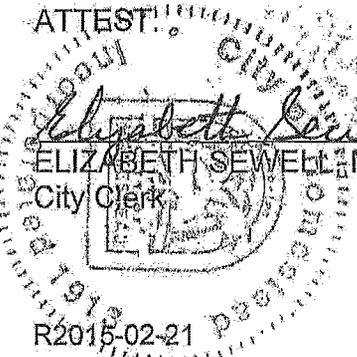
**Section 2. Call to Action.** That the City Council hereby encourages the Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners to adopt a plan of action, taking into account the recommendations of the Sea Level Rise Task Force, to address sea level rise and its current and future effects on coastal and inland communities.

**Section 3. Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. and municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
JEFF PORTER,  
Mayor

ATTEST.  
  
ELIZABETH SEWELL MMC  
City Clerk  
  
R2015-02-21

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.  
City Attorney

Moved by:  
Seconded by:  
Council Vote:

Councilwoman Patricia Fairclough  
Vice Mayor Stephen Shelley  
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*Mayor Jeff Porter*  
*Vice Mayor Stephen R. Shelley*  
*Councilman Jon Burgess*  
*Councilwoman Patricia Fairclough*  
*Councilman Elvis Maldonado*  
*Councilwoman Judy Waldman*  
*Councilman Jimmie L. Williams, III*

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ABSENT  
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