

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PENDING RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE WITH MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ON SEA LEVEL RISE AND RELATED ISSUES AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the world's scientific community has reached consensus that human-induced climate change is occurring and is causing sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County, its wildlife, natural lands, water supply, vital facilities, and infrastructure are especially vulnerable to the impacts of sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, climate scientists and other groups have predicted the potential erosion of dry land and loss of property and natural resources in Miami-Dade County as a result of sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, a U.S. Geological Survey study concluded that sea levels along the east coast of the country will rise three to four times faster than the global average over the next century and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has projected that the water around Miami could rise up to 24 inches by 2060; and

**WHEREAS**, parts of Miami-Dade have already experienced an increased frequency of urban flooding caused by higher high tides, elevated groundwater levels, and oversaturated soils, and without any action, these rising tides will pose a significant threat to the city's tourism industry; 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 and realistic assessment of the likely and potential impacts to sea level rise and storm surge over time, to be used to help develop a set of recommendations relative to amendments to the CDMP, capital facilities planning, budgetary priorities and other County programs as necessary to ensure that Miami-Dade County is taking all appropriate actions to reduce its contributions to climate-induced 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, if followed, would aid Miami-Dade County and the municipalities to cope with the inevitable consequences of this measurable, tractable, and relentless reality of sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there is a Resolution pending before the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners directing the County Mayor or designee to collaborate and coordinate with all municipalities within Miami-Dade County on sea level rise and related issues, including but not limited to coordinating about the ways in which the County is preparing for and adapting to the potential effects of sea level rise, encouraging municipalities to address sea level rise issues proactively, and maintaining communication and dialogue with municipalities on sea level rise issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the pending Resolution also directs the County Mayor or designee to prepare a report regarding the County's cooperation and coordination with municipalities and how those efforts have progressed, and regarding recommendations on how to improve or facilitate such cooperation and collaboration with municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDCLC wishes to support Miami-Dade County's pending sea level rise resolution and urges the County to collaborate and coordinate with municipalities regarding sea level rise as well as to prepare the report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES THAT:**

**Section 1.** The MDCLC supports the adoption of the County's Resolution.

**Section 2.** The MDCLC urges the Board of County Commissioners to pass the pending resolution and to collaborate and coordinate with municipalities regarding sea level rise as well as to prepare the report.


**Section 3.** If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
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GEORGE VALLEJO  
SECRETARY

  
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FRANCIS X. SUAREZ  
PRESIDENT