

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2617.19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; 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 8 inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another 8 inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just 4 inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all 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 protecting 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 Town'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 Town's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the Town Council; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals Adopted.** That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed. the Town Manager is hereby authorized to dispose of same as provided consistent with state law and Code of Ordinances of the Town of Golden Beach.

Section 2. **Implementation.** That the Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to take any and all action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 3. **Conflict.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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

Sponsored by Town Administration.

The Motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>

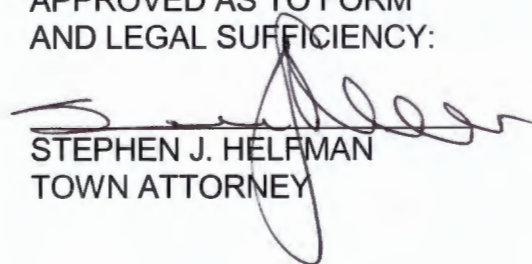
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 21st day of May, 2019.



MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:


LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 21, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

From: Alexander Diaz, *Alex B*
Town Manager

Subject: **Resolution No. 2617.19- Recommending the Town Become a
Member of the American Flood Coalition**

Item Number:

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2617.19 as presented.

Background:

The Town has been invited to join the American Flood Coalition, a group dedicated to giving a unified voice to flood-affected communities at the federal level. The organization is rapidly building a national coalition of elected officials, businesses, military groups, and community leaders to get the federal government to pay attention to, and provide flood-affected communities with, the necessary policy changes, funds, and incentives to address flooding and sea level rise.

39 Florida cities and Broward County have joined the coalition. Among the cities are Sunny Isles Beach, Surfside, Key Biscayne, Aventura, and Hallandale Beach. The coalition has experts and resources that could help the Town in our planning for realities of flooding and sea level rise. More importantly, the coalition supports a national policy to improve infrastructure and resilience for flood-affected communities, making sure they have the federal and state resources needed to adapt to these challenges.

Fiscal Impact:

None