BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION No.: 125-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STUART TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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. 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.

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

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 of spent on disaster prevention saves $4 in recovery costs.

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. 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.

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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 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.

WHEREAS, [reference existing flood prevention and sea level rise work done by the city]

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.

WHEREAS, The City of Stuart 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1: The City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida authorizes the City of Stuart to become a member of the American Flood Coalition and authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any and all document(s) in connection with becoming a member of the American Flood Coalition upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, MAYOR				
BECKY BRUNER, VICE MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this 26th day of November, 2018.

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ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL	KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON
CITY CLERK	MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY