BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MODIFY THE 2022 LAKE OKEECHOBEE REGULATION SCHEDULE IN A MANNER THAT IS CONGRUENT WITH ALL STAKEHOLDER INTERESTS, ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR DISCHARGES INTO THE SAINT LUCIE RIVER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE ESTUARIAL SYSTEM, AND WHICH ACTIVELY MITIGATES ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO AFFECTED COMMUNITIES LIKE STUART.

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WHEREAS, the City of Stuart City Commission is deeply committed to environmental advocacy at all levels of government on issues that directly and indirectly impact residents, while providing meaningful input to elected representatives on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers recently announced the initial phase of a multiyear, collaborative process with all impacted stakeholders in modifying the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule to be adopted in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to work collaboratively with the USACE and other stakeholders throughout the LORS modification process in order to ensure the future protection of both the environmental and economic vitality of Stuart, as so resolved herein.

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

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City of Stuart, Florida and City Commission hereby directs staff to collaborate with the USACE in order to modify the 2022 LORS in a manner that is congruent with all stakeholder interests, eliminates the need for discharges into the Saint Lucie River in order to protect the ecology and natural resources of the estuarial system, and which actively mitigates environmental and economic impacts to affected communities like Stuart.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its 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
REBECCA S. BRUNER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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REBECCA S. BRUNER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY