BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 38-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1369 RELATING TO THE FLORIDA CLIMATE AND RESILIENCY RESEARCH PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that "Widespread scientific consensus exists that the world's climate is changing. Some of these changes will likely include more variable weather, heat waves, heavy precipitation events, flooding, droughts, more intense storms, sea level rise, and air pollution. Each of these impacts could negatively affect public health;" and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) released the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4) to Congress in 2018, which is the most comprehensive global climate change report ever conducted by the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the NCA4 the USGCRP has stated that, "Coastal communities and the ecosystems that support them are increasingly threatened by the impacts of climate change. Without significant reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions and regional adaptation measures, many coastal regions will be transformed by the latter part of this century, with impacts affecting other

regions and sectors. Even in a future with lower greenhouse gas emissions, many communities are expected to suffer financial impacts as chronic high-tide flooding leads to higher costs and lower property values;" and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1369 relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program was filed during the 2019 Florida Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, HB 1369 would establish an interagency program within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection for the purpose of assisting the state in understanding, assessing, predicting, and responding to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, HB 1369 would consolidate the efforts of various public agencies and authorities in addressing a myriad of environmental, public health and safety, and economic variables linked to global climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program would include participants and representatives from climate collaboratives in Florida including the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, and other resiliency coalitions which the City of Stuart may one day be a party to; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart is a coastal community who is at high-risk for severe weather events, coastal flooding, storm surge, marine ecosystem destruction, and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the City Commission of the City of Stuart that the dangers and devastating impacts associated with global climate change are clear and convincing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart supports House Bill 1369 and the creation of an interagency program within the Office of Resiliency and Coastal Protection designed to consolidate and coordinate state efforts in addressing this global threat statewide.

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 Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida authorizes this resolution in support of House Bill 1369 Relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program and also urges the Florida Legislature to adopt the bill into law.

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