

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ("NACO") TO SUPPORT THE CORAL REEF CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF NACO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NACO'S REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORIDA, AND NACO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. Section 6401 *et seq.* (the "Act"), which expired in 2004, was designed to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's ability to study coral reefs and to mitigate reef damage and decay; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2018 (the "2018 Reauthorized Act") was introduced on June 5, 2018, in the United States Congress as H.R. 5996 to reauthorize and amend the Act; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Reauthorized Act is essential to providing a federal response to coral reef emergencies, treating coral disease like the one on our Southeast Florida coral reef tract, creating new grants for laboratories and marine studies, and strengthening protections for reefs with national parks and reserves; and

WHEREAS, our Southeast Florida coral reef tract is a major economic engine attracting thousands of visitors, creating hundreds of jobs, and generating over \$1 million for our economy each year; and

1 WHEREAS, NACO is holding its annual national conference from July 13, 2018,
2 to July 16, 2018, in Nashville, Tennessee; and

3 WHEREAS, Martin County Commissioner Doug Smith will submit for consideration
4 at the NACO annual national conference a proposed resolution (the "Proposed
5 Resolution"), urging the United States Congress to pass the 2018 Reauthorized Act; and

6 WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board")
7 wishes to urge NACO to pass the Proposed Resolution and transmit the same to the
8 United States Congress for the above-stated reasons, NOW, THEREFORE,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
11 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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13 Section 1. The recitals set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are
14 incorporated by reference herein.

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16 Section 2. The Board urges NACO to pass the Proposed Resolution, thereby
17 urging the United States Congress to pass the 2018 Reauthorized Act to provide the
18 necessary funding for studies, conservation efforts, and other actions to protect the coral
19 reefs around the country, including Southeast Florida's coral reef tract.

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21 Section 3. The Board hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit a copy
22 of this Resolution to all members of NACO's Board of Directors, NACO's regional
23 representative for Florida, and NACO's executive director.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, or any portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2018.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

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By /s/ Angela F. Benjamin 06/07/18
Angela F. Benjamin (date)
Senior Assistant County Attorney