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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 446 AND HOUSE BILL 325, WHICH SEEK TO REVISE THE CRITERIA FOR ASSIGNING FUNDING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS AND REVISE THE RANKING CRITERIA USED TO FUND CERTAIN INLET MANAGEMENT PROJECTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND BOARDS SECTION TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 446 AND HOUSE BILL 325; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher)

WHEREAS, beaches are one of Florida's most valuable resources, providing habitat protection, encouraging tourism, and serving as a defense against storms;

WHEREAS, according to a report by the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, beaches are the number one tourist attraction in the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, healthy beaches promote economic growth by increasing property values and tourism-related tax revenues;

WHEREAS, Broward County's beaches produce an estimated \$13 billion annually in economic activity;

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has determined that there are 411.2 miles of critically eroded beaches and 8.7 miles of critically eroded inlet shorelines in the State of Florida; and

1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 446 ("SB 446") and House Bill 325 ("HB 325") seek to
2 revise the criteria DEP must use to assign annual funding priorities for beach
3 management and erosion control projects to better capture the economic importance of
4 healthy beaches and to enhance inlet funding, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
7 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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9 Section 1. The Board hereby encourages the Florida Legislature to pass
10 Senate Bill 446 and House Bill 325.

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12 Section 2. The Board hereby directs the Intergovernmental Affairs and Boards
13 Section to advocate, as part of the County's legislative agenda, for the passage of Senate
14 Bill 446 and House Bill 325 and directs the County Administrator to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to all Florida legislators representing Broward County residents.

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17 Section 3. Severability.

18 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
19 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
20 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be
21 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
22 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,
23 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

