

RESOLUTION NO. 2101-2022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH,
FLORIDA, TO JOIN THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION;
PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF
PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL
DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, flooding during unusually high or King tides is a costly nuisance and a problem that, if unaddressed, will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise has risen eight inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another eight inches of sea level rise within the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just three inches since 2000 has increased flooding in parts of Florida by over 300%; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all of 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; and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1.00 spent on disaster prevention saves up to \$7.00 in recovery costs; and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal communities to fully address the challenge of flooding and sea level rise, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise that invest in and protect our coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Flood Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to flooding and sea level rise that will enhance the City's resilience effort; and

WHEREAS, flooding and sea level rise are important issues that our residents deserve to understand, and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on flooding challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken steps to educate and inform its residents and business owners as to the implications of sea level rise and has begun coordinating with the cities of Jacksonville and Atlantic Beach to identify and allocate resources and plan for the impacts of sea level rise on our collective communities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and businesses while ensuring the prosperity of the City economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are deemed true and material parts of this resolution and are fully incorporated herein by reference.


SECTION 2. The City of Jacksonville Beach 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.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions and Council Decisions. All prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.


SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution should be held invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, or portion of this resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption by City Council.

AUTHENTICATED this 18th day of January, 2022.



Christine H. Hoffman, Mayor



Sheri Gosselin, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Sandra R. Robinson, City Attorney