

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO FUND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BEACH MANAGEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH A \$45 MILLION APPROPRIATION DURING THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND FURTHER URGING SUPPORT FOR THE \$5.2 MILLION STATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE SEGMENT II BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT, AND SUPPORTING ADVOCACY ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL FOR ISSUANCE OF THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SEGMENT II PERMIT AND FEDERAL FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Florida's beaches contribute \$260.1 million in annual state sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Florida's beaches contribute \$428.6 million in annual personal and corporate Federal income tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Florida's beaches attract 2 million international tourists, who spend approximately \$1.1 billion annually in the State; and

WHEREAS, Florida, beaches protect \$150 billion in shorefront structures and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Broward's beaches attract 7.2 million visitors a year, who spend \$422 million annually in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Broward's beaches contribute \$548 million annually to Broward County's economy, create 17,700 full-time equivalent jobs and protect over \$4 billion in shorefront structures and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, with a projected budget surplus of approximately \$1 billion, the time is right to make a relatively modest investment that will have a major impact on all of Florida's industries; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Beach Renourishment Segment II Project ("Segment II Project") will nourish the critically eroded beaches between the Port Everglades and Hillsboro Inlet which includes the City of Fort Lauderdale, City of Pompano Beach, and Lauderdale-by-the-Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Segment II Project is currently underfunded by the State by \$5.2 million and there is currently no federal contribution, which means more of a local cost burden versus previous beach renourishment projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby urges the Florida Legislature to fund the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Beach Management Funding Assistance Program with a \$45 million appropriation during the 2014 legislative session

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby urges the Florida Legislature to support the \$5.2 million State application submitted by Broward County for the Segment II Project.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby urges the Florida Legislature to advocate on the Federal level for issuance of the US Army Corps of Engineers Segment II Permit.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby urges the Florida Legislature to pursue federal appropriations to fund Segment II as it has in past projects.

ADOPTED this the _____, 2014.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH