

**RESOLUTION NO. 16- \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO EXPEDITE PHASE II OF THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the beaches throughout Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida are vital to the quality of life for residents and tourists alike; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to preserve the quality of sand that is placed on the public beaches that provide a source of recreation and relaxation for both adults and children; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-325-16 (the "County Resolution"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands (BBCW) project is a critical component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), as authorized by Congress in 2000 which is intended to restore natural coastal wetlands and marine habitats in Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the BBCW project will provide increased water storage in the wetlands east of the coastal ridge which is expected to protect against saltwater intrusion and thereby increase resiliency against sea level rise in southern Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Town Council Support.** The Town Council supports the County Resolution No. R-325-16, which urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District to expedite the planning of Phase II of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project as outlined in the County Resolution (Exhibit "A").

**Section 3. Town Clerk Directive.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management District Board Members, and municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_ day of May, 2016.

Attest:

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PEGGY R. BELL  
MAYOR

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JACQUELINE N. WILSON  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

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WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN  
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.  
Town Attorney

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Mayor Ernest N. Sochin \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Roger Coriat \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Mary Ann Mixon \_\_\_\_\_