

RESOLUTION NO. 18- ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, JOINING
THE SEAWALL COALITION; PROVIDING FOR
IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) is committed to protecting the community from sea level rise and related flooding and is working with local and regional partners to build the Town’s resiliency and to develop mitigation strategies to address sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all of Florida, given the limestone bedrock beneath the majority of the state, which allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion; and

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

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just four inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%; and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal communities to fully address the challenge of sea level rise and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Seawall Coalition (the “Coalition”) provides a platform advocating for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding to protect our coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is a non-partisan group of elected officials, military groups, businesses, and community leaders developing best practices as well as national, local and state-level responses to sea level rise and related flooding ; and

WHEREAS, joining the Coalition will further enhance the Town’s efforts to protect against sea level rise and related flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that joining the Coalition will promote the welfare of Town residents and ensure the prosperity of the Town economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and related flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest of the health, safety, 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, THAT:

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

Section 2. **Seawall Coalition Membership.** The Town recognizing the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and its effects, agrees to become a member of the Coalition. The Town will work as a member of the Coalition to safeguard the welfare of its residents.

Section 3. **Implementation.** The appropriate Town Officials are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. **Transmittal.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Coalition.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2018.

PEGGY R. BELL
Mayor

Attest:

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC
Town Clerk

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

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE, & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney
Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell _____

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle _____

Council Member Mary Ann Mixon _____

Council Member Michael P. Callahan _____

Council Member Roger Coriat _____