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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Town Council

From: Rafael G. Casals, ICMA-CM, CFM. Town Manager

Date: September 18, 2019

Re: Approving Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Emergency Management Act gives local governments of the State the authority to execute agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies. The agreements ensure the timely reimbursements of costs incurred by the local governments which provide such assistance. Under the Act, the State of Florida's Division of Emergency Management has the authority to coordinate assistance between local governments during emergencies and to coordinate the availability of resources.

On December 20, 2006, the Town Council approved the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the Department of Community Affairs, and other participating local governments, to provide a means in requesting assistance from neighboring local governments at the time of need (via Resolution No. 06-116). Florida Statute Chapter 252 authorizes entering into statewide agreements which facilitate the municipality's ability to respond to extreme emergencies and disaster. The Town's departments were able to manage the situation without extraordinary assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

