





RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
4 COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,  
5 FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE COLLABORATIVE  
6 PARTNERSHIP AMONG PALM BEACH, BROWARD,  
7 MIAMI-DADE, AND MONROE COUNTIES AS THE  
8 SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE  
9 CHANGE COMPACT TO JOINTLY ADDRESS  
10 SHARED CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION  
11 CHALLENGES; AND PROVIDING FOR  
12 TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION AND AN  
13 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 WHEREAS, the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact  
16 (Compact) was formalized in 2009 as a collaboration among Palm Beach, Broward,  
17 Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties for the purpose of jointly addressing shared  
18 climate mitigation and adaptation challenges; and

19 WHEREAS, Southeast Florida is one of the most vulnerable areas in the  
20 country to the impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise; and

21 WHEREAS, the County Commissions of Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach  
22 and Monroe Counties (the "Compact Counties") adopted the Southeast Florida  
23 Regional Climate Change Compact ("Compact") in 2009-2010; and

24 WHEREAS, the Compact Counties have worked since then in common cause  
25 with one another and numerous stakeholders to address climate change at the  
26 regional scale; and

27 WHEREAS, in the six years since the Compact was forged, the Compact  
28 Counties and their partners have successfully completed a 110-recommendation  
29 Regional Climate Action Plan, a unified sea level rise projection for Southeast  
30 Florida (and an update thereto), a regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory, a  
31 regional vulnerability analysis, joint annual state and federal legislative programs,  
32 planning and execution of seven Regional Climate Leadership Summits, and  
33 countless other joint activities, earning significant national and international attention;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, the President of the United States lauded the Compact and its  
36 collective efforts as "a model not just for the country, but for the world"; and

37 WHEREAS, the Compact model has been cited in the federal government's  
38 Third National Climate Assessment, the Recommendations of the President's State,  
39 Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, and  
40 many other documents and media; and

41 WHEREAS, the Compact Counties were named as a White House Climate  
42 Action Champion in 2014 in recognition of their past leadership on climate issues  
43 and the prospect of their continued leadership in the future; and

44 WHEREAS, Compact activities yielded significant external funding and  
45 resources to support the climate-related work in Southeast Florida; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Compact has galvanized cooperation among many local,  
2 regional, state, and federal agencies and stakeholders; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the benefits of regional coordination to the Compact Counties,  
4 partner municipalities, and other Compact partners have been demonstrated many  
5 times over;

6           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
7 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

8           **Section 1:** “The Compact” shall refer to the 2009 Southeast Florida Regional  
9 Climate Change Compact, this document, and the collective efforts undertaken in  
10 furtherance of the aims of both documents.

11           **Section 2:** The counties of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach  
12 (“the Compact Counties”) commit to continue to support the following activities,  
13 which comprise the original commitments outlined in the 2009 Compact:

- 14           • Development of and advocacy for joint positions on federal and  
15 state legislation, regulations, and administrative policies pertaining  
16 to climate and energy issues, including, but not limited to,  
17 agreement on annual Compact state and federal legislative  
18 programs.
- 19           • Creation of common regional baseline information, including a  
20 unified sea level rise projection, regional greenhouse gas emissions  
21 inventory, and regional vulnerability assessment, and periodic  
22 updates to this information.
- 23           • Convocation of an annual Regional Climate Leadership Summit.
- 24           • Development of a Regional Climate Action Plan, including  
25 strategies to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to  
26 climate impacts, and strengthen regional resilience, to be revised  
27 every five years from the date of publication of the first Action Plan.

28           **Section 3:** The Compact Counties commit to support the following activities  
29 representing a natural evolution of the original four commitments described in  
30 Section 2:

- 31           • Regional collaboration to advance Regional Climate Action Plan  
32 recommendations and track the progress thereof.
- 33           • Consideration of the full spectrum of economic, social, and  
34 environmental factors in Compact initiatives, including, but not  
35 limited to, disadvantaged communities, public health, natural  
36 systems, and the built environment.
- 37           • Continuation of a Compact Staff Steering Committee and any  
38 standing committees or ad hoc working groups deemed necessary

1 by the Compact Staff Steering Committee to further the purposes of  
2 the Compact.

- 3 • Provision of appropriate staff resources and expertise to participate  
4 in the Compact Staff Steering Committee and Compact activities in  
5 general.
- 6 • Solicitation of external funding and resources to support Compact  
7 initiatives.
- 8 • Establishment of an enduring organizational structure for the  
9 Compact, subject to the approval of each County Commission, to  
10 facilitate Compact work, enhance the strong relationships among  
11 the Compact Counties and stakeholders, and improve the  
12 Compact's competitiveness in seeking external funding and  
13 resources.

14 **Section 4.** The Compact Counties, recognizing the need for close  
15 cooperation with their municipalities, will continue to include one municipality from  
16 each county on the Compact Staff Steering Committee and to seek the broad  
17 participation of municipalities throughout the region in Compact initiatives generally.

18 **Section 5.** The Compact Counties will continue to support and foster  
19 expanded public, private, and nonprofit engagement in Compact initiatives at the  
20 local, regional, state, national, and international levels, with an emphasis on  
21 communications, partnerships, and capacity building.

22 **Section 6.** In pursuit of the common aims of the Compact Counties under the  
23 Compact, each county pledges not to work at cross-purposes with the other  
24 counties. However, nothing in this Reaffirmation document shall be deemed to limit  
25 the power of each County Commission to govern its respective county.

26 **Section 7.** The commitments contained herein shall not be effective until  
27 approved through the required procedures of each respective County.

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29 The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved  
30 its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon  
31 being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- 32 COMM. MARY LOU BERGER, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_
- 33 COMM. HAL R. VALECHE, Vice Mayor \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 COMM. PAULETTE BURDICK \_\_\_\_\_
- 35 COMM. SHELLEY VANA \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 COMM. STEVEN L. ABRAMS \_\_\_\_\_
- 37 COMM. MELISSA MCKINLAY \_\_\_\_\_
- 38 COMM. PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

By:   
County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk