

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 1, 2016 (X) Consent () Regular
() Ordinance () Public Hearing
Department
Submitted By: County Administration
Submitted For: County Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A resolution urging the enactment of weather impacts legislation currently before the Florida Legislature as House Bill 1223 and Senate Bill 1544 and providing for transmission of the Resolution and an effective date.

Summary: Approval of this item encourages the creation of an interagency workgroup among the state agencies led by Florida's Division of Emergency Management. The group would review information, coordinate ongoing state efforts, collaborate on initiatives, leverage resources, and prepare an annual report relating to weather events and weather event responses. Countywide (RPB)

Background and Justification: With approval of this resolution, Palm Beach County, as a member of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, is expressing support for currently pending state legislation. Both Senate Bill 1223 and House Bill 1544 are consistent with the Commission's legislative principles.

Attachments:
1. Resolution

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Recommended by: Natalie B. Schneider 2-17-16
Climate Change & Sustainability Coordinator Date

Approved by: [Signature] 2-23-16
Deputy County Administrator Date

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT WEATHER IMPACTS LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LEGISLATORS AND OTHERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is one of the areas of the United States most vulnerable to weather-related impacts, including flooding, drought, storm surge, high tides, tropical-storm winds, extreme heat, and saltwater intrusion of drinking-water aquifers; and

WHEREAS, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties, many of their municipalities, and a significant number of local, regional, state, and federal stakeholders have been working collaboratively for over six years under the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to prepare the region for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, effective responses to climate and weather impacts require not only regional activities, but also state and federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, smart investments and public policies undertaken by all levels of government in response to potential weather-related impacts will protect Florida's economy by reducing risk and demonstrating to insurance companies, financial institutions, and businesses that Florida is ready, resilient, and a safe place for investment and economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is now considering House Bill 1223, sponsored by Representative Kristin Jacobs, and the identical Senate Bill 1544, sponsored by Senator Jeff Clemens, which would create an interagency workgroup of state agencies to share information and coordinate state efforts to address weather impacts; and

WHEREAS, HB 1223 and SB 1544 charge the interagency workgroup with preparing an annual report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House which will assess existing efforts underway in state agencies to address the impacts of weather events, create a uniform vulnerability assessment based on current scientific literature to identify and evaluate impacts currently unaddressed by state agencies, and develop, coordinate, and prioritize efforts to address the current and potential future impacts of weather events; and

WHEREAS, this annual report will be posted on the website of each agency represented on the interagency workgroup, for consideration and use by local governments, other stakeholders, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the convening of this interagency workgroup and the publication of an annual report detailing the state's efforts will support and strengthen the

1 activities taking place in Southeast Florida and elsewhere in Florida to prepare for
2 and respond to weather-related impacts, thereby maintaining Florida's economic
3 vitality and extraordinary quality of life for decades to come;

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

6 **Section 1.** The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners urges
7 the Florida Legislature to enact HB 1223/SB 1544.

8 **Section 2.** Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor of
9 Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of
10 Representatives, and the Palm Beach Legislative Delegation.

11 **Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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14 The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved
15 its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon
16 being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- 17 COMM. MARY LOU BERGER, Mayor _____
- 18 COMM. HAL R. VALECHE, Vice Mayor _____
- 19 COMM. PAULETTE BURDICK _____
- 20 COMM. SHELLEY VANA _____
- 21 COMM. STEVEN L. ABRAMS _____
- 22 COMM. MELISSA MCKINLAY _____
- 23 COMM. PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR _____

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25 The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____
26 day of _____, 2016.

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30 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
31 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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

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37 By: 
38 County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk