

Agenda Item No.: 3A-1

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2017

☒ **Consent**  
☐ **Ordinance**

☐ **Regular**  
☐ **Public Hearing**

**Department:**

**Submitted By and For:** ADMINISTRATION

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:** Resolution No. 2017-02: a Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony, Florida, expressing support for the extension of the "Minimum Speed/No Wake Zone" in the Indian River Lagoon Intracoastal Waterway north from the C.R. 707 Bridge to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park for a distance of 0.8 mile; directing the Mayor to do all things necessary to effectuate the intent of the Town Commission as expressed herein; directing the Town Clerk to provide copies of this Resolution to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Palm Beach County, the Town of Jupiter, Village of Tequesta and the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

**Summary:** It is the policy of the Board to receive and file any received outside documentation if it involves Palm Beach County policies, programs and/or projects to make the information part of the Board's official record.

**Background and Justification:** N/A

**Attachment:**

Resolution No. 2017-02 from the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony

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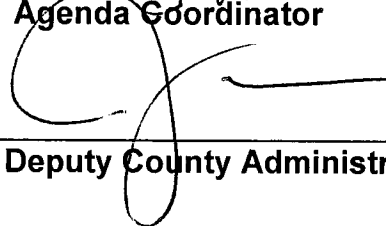
**Recommended by:**

  
**Agenda Coordinator**

  
**Date**

4/6/17

**Approved by:**

  
**Deputy County Administrator**

**Date**

4-6-17

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE "MINIMUM SPEED / NO WAKE ZONE" IN THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY NORTH FROM THE C.R. 707 BRIDGE TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF CORAL COVE PARK FOR A DISTANCE OF 0.8 MILE; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THE TOWN COMMISSION AS EXPRESSED HEREIN; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION, PALM BEACH COUNTY, TOWN OF JUPITER, VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA AND THE MARINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River Lagoon between the C.R. 707 Bridge (South Beach Road) and the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park is a popular location for boating, kayaking, paddle-boarding, snorkeling and general recreational swimming; and

**WHEREAS**, current Intracoastal Waterway regulations allow powerboats to travel at speeds up to 25 miles per hour in the navigable channel and at "slow speed – minimum wake" outside of the channel in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, powerboat acceleration and deceleration, along with the wake generated by boats traveling at such speeds creates a variety of issues harmful to the public health, safety and welfare, including physical danger and injury to snorkelers and swimmers, dangerous bridge navigation by multiple competing boats of varying sizes, accelerated degradation and erosion of adjacent and near-by shorelines, loss of mangrove islands, harm to special status species (e.g. West Indian Manatee, and Johnson Seagrass), and damage to infrastructure and personal property such as docks and other boats; and

**WHEREAS**, an extension of the "minimum speed / no-wake zone" (which currently terminates at the C.R. 707 Bridge) north to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park would impose a boating restriction in this area requiring boats in the navigable channel to travel at slow speed and produce minimum wake, and would further require boats outside of the navigable channel to travel at idle speed and produce no wake; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of such boating restrictions in this area would increase boater safety especially related to bridge navigation; would, on average, only increase travel time through this area by a matter of minutes; and would reduce, minimize, and even eliminate the above referenced dangers to the public health, safety and welfare caused by current powerboat acceleration and deceleration, along with the wake generated by boats traveling at the higher speeds that are currently permitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission has been made aware of a current local effort to extend the "minimum speed / no-wake zone" (which currently terminates at the C.R. 707 Bridge) north to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park for the reasons expressed above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission desires to express its support for this effort as a means of protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The above recitals are incorporated into this Resolution and are hereby specifically made a part hereof.

**Section 2:** The Town Commission of the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony hereby expresses its support for the local effort to extend the "minimum speed / no-wake zone" (which currently terminates at the C.R. 707 Bridge) north in the Indian River Lagoon from the C.R. 707 Bridge (South Beach Road) to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park, thereby requiring boats in the navigable channel in this area to travel at slow speed and produce minimum wake, and thereby further requiring boats outside of the navigable channel in this area to travel at idle speed and produce no wake.

**Section 3:** The Mayor is directed to do all things necessary to effectuate the intent of the Town Commission as expressed herein.

**Section 4:** The Town Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Palm Beach County, Town of Jupiter, Village of Tequesta and the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County.

**Section 5:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day of March 2017.

TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA

  
MAYOR DANIEL J. COMERFORD, III

  
VICE-MAYOR THOMAS M. DISARNO

  
COMMISSIONER JEROME A. LEGERTON

  
COMMISSIONER MILTON J. BLOCK

Absent -  
COMMISSIONER RICHARD D. BUSTO

ATTEST:

  
TOWN CLERK, JUDE M. GOUDREAU