

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes _____		No <u> X </u>		
Does this item include the use of federal funds?	Yes _____		No <u> X </u>		
Budget Account No.:					
Fund	Department	Unit	Object	Program	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

Laura Thompson

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Joseph 10/30/19
OFMB 10/30/19

John J. Jaworski 10/31/19
Contract Development & Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

NTA 10/31/19
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. R2019-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 2429, THE RESTORING RESILIENT REEFS ACT OF 2019 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION AND TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REPRESENTING PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Reef Tract runs parallel to the Florida coastline from Monroe County north to Martin County, is a valuable national resource that protects our shores and beaches by reducing wave energy from storms and hurricanes, and provides a vital marine habitat for over 6,000 species; and

WHEREAS, this habitat is essential to Palm Beach County's tourism industries, diving and commercial fisheries, and supports over 71,000 jobs within the region, which generates over \$6 billion in positive economic impact annually; and

WHEREAS, protection of Florida's coral reefs is essential for ensuring the continued protection of our shorelines, coastal economies, coastal food sources, and biomedical opportunities that are a direct result of our coral reefs; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that coastal ocean waters are under great user pressure and suffer from water quality degradation that has compromised the resiliency of the Florida Reef Tract and its habitat; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, a coral disease of unknown origin harmed over 50 percent of the coral species present in the Florida Reef Tract; and

WHEREAS, the coral disease became an epidemic that caused near total mortality on several vulnerable species present on the Florida Reef Tract, resulting in an increasing threat to our fragile ecosystems that support our fisheries and protect our coasts; and

WHEREAS, approximately ten percent of our coral reefs have degraded beyond recovery, and 30 percent are in critical condition; and

WHEREAS, without necessary funding those coral reefs in critical condition could die completely within the next few years; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative, multiagency/multidisciplinary emergency response

team of experts is essential to address the critical condition of coral reefs; and

WHEREAS, inaction will ensure near extinction of these susceptible species throughout the Florida Reef Tract; and

WHEREAS, the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration Coral Reef Conservation Program was established in 2000 by the Coral Reef Conservation Act to protect, conserve, and restore the nation's coral reefs by maintaining healthy ecosystem function; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2429, the Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2019 or similar legislation, would revive and modernize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, 15 years after its expiration; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2429 provides a five-year authorization with an explicit focus on restoration activities where natural disasters and human activities have degraded reef ecosystems, and directs federal funding and technical assistance so states and impacted communities can drive priorities and management of coral reef ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2429 offers new avenues for the provision of emergency funds to ensure rapid and effective responses to coral reef emergencies including disease outbreaks, invasive species, coral bleaching, natural disasters, vessel groundings, hazardous spills, and coastal construction accidents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2429 codifies and updates the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, and provides the Secretary of the Interior with the authority to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for management and restoration activities consistent with the legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and ratified herein.

Section 2: Palm Beach County urges the United States Congress to pass Senate Bill 2429, the Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2019 or similar legislation, and reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000.

Section 3: The Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the Office of Legislative Affairs to transmit copies of this Resolution to Sen. Marco Rubio, Sen. Rick Scott, Sen. Roger Wicker, Chair of the United States Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, U.S. Rep. Darren Soto, and to the other members of the Palm Beach County Delegation.

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

District 1	COMMISSIONER Hal R. Valeche	_____
District 2	COMMISSIONER Gregg K. Weiss	_____
District 3	COMMISSIONER Dave Kerner	_____
District 4	COMMISSIONER Robert S. Weinroth	_____
District 5	COMMISSIONER Mary Lou Berger	_____
District 6	COMMISSIONER Melissa McKinlay	_____
District 7	COMMISSIONER Mack Bernard	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sharon R. Bock
Clerk and Comptroller

By _____
Assistant County Attorney

By _____
Deputy Clerk