

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2019-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN; AGREEING TO WORK AS AN ACTIVE PARTNER TO ACHIEVE THE VISION, MISSION, PROMISE AND GOALS OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Indian River Lagoon is one of 28 estuaries dedicated by the U.S. Congress as “Estuaries of National Significance” and authorized as part of the National Estuary Program by Section 320 of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council (an Independent Special District of the State of Florida) serves as the host agency for the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP) with a common goal to improve communication, coordination, leadership, and investment among federal, state, and local government agencies and private-sector organizations throughout the IRL watershed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by Section 320 of the Clean Water Act, the IRLNEP is authorized to convene a Management Conference that includes citizens, scientists, engineers, community leaders, industry leaders; representatives of federal, state and local government agencies, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Martin County serves as a member of the IRL Council and is represented on the IRL Council Board of Directors pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement that created the IRL Council in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the IRL Council and local vision for change was driven by the urgent need to have an organized, lagoon-wide initiative to respond more effectively to declining IRL water quality, recurring harmful algal blooms, and negative impacts to local economies; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council and IRLNEP Management Conference have adopted the following:

VISION: Healthy Ecosystem—Healthy Communities—Healthy Economy

MISSION: One Lagoon – One Community – One Voice

PROMISE: Clean Water for People and Nature

GOALS:

1. To attain and maintain water and sediment of sufficient quality to support a healthy estuarine lagoon ecosystem;
2. To attain and maintain a functioning, healthy ecosystem which supports endangered and threatened species, fisheries, commerce and recreation;
3. To achieve heightened public awareness and coordinated interagency management of the IRL ecosystem; and
4. To identify and develop long-term funding sources for prioritized projects and programs to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the IRL; and

WHEREAS, the IRLNEP engages Indian River Lagoon partners in a non-regulatory, consensus-driven, and science-based process to develop and implement a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) to protect and improve coastal environments, communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, the IRLNEP Management Conference has developed a revised IRL CCMP, titled "*Looking Forward to 2030*," that represents a science-based pathway to restore ecosystem and economic health to the IRL that is long-term, non-regulatory, consensus-driven, and community-based; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council Board of Directors have adopted a final draft of the IRL CCMP, *Looking Forward to 2030*, with support from its Management Conference advisory committees: Management Board; Science, Technology, Engineering and Modeling Advisory Committee; and Citizens Advisory Committee. This final CCMP was revised with significant input from citizens throughout the IRL watershed; and

WHEREAS, certification of the final draft CCMP by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and final adoption of the CCMP by the IRL Council creates a 10-year plan for restoration that enables the IRL Council and its partners to secure, expand and diversify funding through the IRLNEP to implement Indian River Lagoon restoration projects in accordance with Looking Forward 2030:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE MARTIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, STUART, FLORIDA THIS ____ DAY OF JULY, 2019, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners hereby: supports the IRL Council's adoption of the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, *Looking Forward to 2030*," and agrees to work as an active partner with the IRL Council and IRLNEP Management Conference to implement the IRL CCMP action plan recommendations and projects to achieve the Vision, Mission, Promise and Goals of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program.

SECTION 2. All resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby superseded and repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

EDWARD V. CIAMPI, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

SARAH W. WOODS, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY