



Board of County Commissioners

2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

Agenda Item Summary

File ID: 22-0891

DEPT-5

Meeting Date: 6/7/2022

PLACEMENT: Departmental

TITLE:

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 160 AND S. 46, THE RESTORING RESILIENT REEFS ACT OF 2021, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION REAUTHORIZING THE CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of federal funding to provide assistance for coral reef management programs conservation and restoration projects, and to help preserve and restore coral reef ecosystems.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: **Name:** James Kennedy/Kathy Fitzpatrick
Title: Legislative Coordinator/Coastal Engineer

REQUESTED BY: Kathy Fitzpatrick, Coastal Engineer

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

The Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021 will reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. Florida's Coral Reef stretches approximately 350 miles through five counties including Martin County. Federal funding will be beneficial to the five counties for the preservation and restoration to the Florida Coral Reef. In April of 2022 Monroe County adopted a Resolution urging U.S. Congress to pass the Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021. Broward and Palm Beach Counties have shown interest in adopting a similar Resolution. Continued partnership within the five Florida counties will be beneficial to enrolling this legislation.

ISSUES:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

To the extent this item contains legal issues, it has been reviewed for legal sufficiency; although this is primarily a matter of Board policy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION

Move that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution to urge U.S. Congress to pass S. 46 and H.R. 160, the Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021, or similar legislation reauthorizing the Coral Reef conservation Act of 2000, and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION

None

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

- ☐ Budget Transfer / Amendment ☐ Chair Letter ☐ Contract / Agreement
☐ Grant / Application ☐ Notice ☐ Ordinance ☒ Resolution
☐ Other:

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