

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 78 AND HOUSE BILL 169, REQUIRING A SEA LEVEL IMPACT PROJECTION (SLIP) STUDY PUBLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BEFORE STATE FINANCED CONSTRUCTORS MAY BUILD CERTAIN STRUCTURES IN COASTAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 78 and House Bill (HB) 169 have been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature's 2019 session by Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez (D — Miami) and Representative Javier Fernandez (D — Miami), respectively; and

WHEREAS, SB 78 and HB 169 require a state-financed constructor to conduct a sea level impact projection (SLIP) study that meets the requirements established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) prior to commencing construction of a coastal structure; and

WHEREAS, SB 78 and HB 169 require a state-financed constructor to have DEP approve and publish the SLIP study relevant to its coastal structure project prior to commencing construction on the coastal structure; and

WHEREAS, SB 78 and HB 169 also require DEP to develop by rule the standards for SLIP studies and require DEP to publish SLIP studies on its website; and

WHEREAS, it is widely accepted that the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County are located in one of the most climate-vulnerable areas of the country; and

WHEREAS, local governments, counties and the State of Florida must confront, among other threats, the threats of sea level change and flooding to ensure the preservation of our regional and State environment for the benefit of generations to come; and

WHEREAS, researchers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 2016 found that at least 1.2 million Floridians are projected to live in coastal areas that will flood by the year 2100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of Coral Gables urges the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 78, House Bill 169, or similar legislation requiring a sea level impact projection

(SLIP) study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection before state-financed constructors may build certain structures in coastal areas.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2019.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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