



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, endorsing the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge, affirming support for the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, agreeing to consider implementing the Regional Climate Action Plan in whole or in part as appropriate for each municipality, and urging all mayors of Miami-Dade County to support the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge.

The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact was executed by Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties in January 2010 to coordinate mitigation and adaptation activities across county lines. The Compact represents a new form of regional climate governance designed to allow local governments to set the agenda for adaptation while providing an efficient means for state and federal agencies to engage with technical assistance and support.

At the conclusion of the first Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit on October 23, 2009, four County representatives: Broward County Commissioner, Kristin Jacobs; Palm Beach County Commissioner, Shelley Vana; Miami-Dade County Commissioner; Katy Sorenson, and Monroe County Mayor, George Neugent, signed the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact committing to take it back to their County Commissions for review and adoption.

The Compact calls for the Counties and Municipalities to work cooperatively to:

- Develop annual Legislative Programs and jointly advocate for state and federal policies and funding
- Dedicate staff time and resources to create a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan to include mitigation and adaptation strategies
- Meet annually in Regional Climate Summits to mark progress and identify emerging issues.

Since 2009, the four Compact Counties have accomplished much together and have also worked with a growing number of federal, State, regional, municipal, nonprofit, academic and private sector partners. Widely recognized as one of the nation's leading examples of regional-scale climate action, the Compact continues to serve as the mechanism to collaborate for climate adaptation.

To date, more than 25 Mayors representing municipalities within the region have signed on to support the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. City staff is currently participating, informally, in the Miami-Dade municipality working group.

The Resolution before you today is asking for your endorsement of the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge, affirming support for the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, agreeing to consider implementing the regional climate action plan in whole or in part as appropriate for each municipality, and urging all mayors of Miami-Dade County to support the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge.