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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

WHEREAS, flooding during king tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that if unaddressed will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise has risen 8 inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another 8 inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just 4 inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all Florida given the limestone bedrock beneath much of the state which allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion, and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves \$4 in recovery costs, and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal towns to fully address the challenge of sea level rise and flooding, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding that invest in and protect our coastal communities, and

WHEREAS, the American Flood Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance the City's sea level rise effort, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and flooding are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions, and

WHEREAS, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid the City's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the City Commission, and

WHEREAS, [reference existing flood prevention and sea level rise work done by the city]

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and ensure the prosperity of the City economy by accelerating solutions to

sea level rise and flooding, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are adopted herein.

SECTION 2. That the City of Venice recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City’s residents.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE XXTH DAY OF XXX 2018.

John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, **LORI STELZER**, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of said city at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the XXth day of XXX 2018, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this XXth day of XXX 2018.

(SEAL)

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney