

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-32**

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

**WHEREAS**, sea level rise of just four inches in the last ten years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%; and

**WHEREAS**, sea level rise poses a unique threat to 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 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 city 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 council; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017-2027 Comprehensive Plan provides protections for property located within the Coastal High Hazard Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council 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 above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**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 approval and adoption as required by law.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.**

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John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST

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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 13th day of November 2018, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 13th day of November 2018.

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney