

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE EDGEWOOD CITY COUNCIL, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT WEATHER IMPACTS LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is one of the areas of the United States most vulnerable to weather-related impacts, including flooding, drought, storm surge, high tides, tropical-storm winds, extreme heat, and saltwater intrusion of drinking-water aquifers; and

WHEREAS, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties, many of their municipalities, and a significant number of local, regional, state, and federal stakeholders have been working collaboratively for over six years under the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to prepare the region for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, effective responses to climate and weather impacts require not only regional activities, but also state and federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, smart investments and public policies undertaken by all levels of government in response to potential weather-related impacts will protect Florida's economy by reducing risk and demonstrating to insurance companies, financial institutions, and businesses that Florida is ready, resilient, and a safe place for investment and economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is now considering House Bill 1223, sponsored by Representative Kristin Jacobs, and the identical Senate Bill 1544, sponsored by Senator Jeff Clemens, which would create an interagency workgroup of state agencies to share information and coordinate state efforts to address weather impacts; and

WHEREAS, HB 1223 and SB 1544 charge the interagency workgroup with preparing an annual report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House which will assess existing efforts underway in state agencies to address the impacts of weather events, create a uniform vulnerability assessment based on current scientific literature to identify and evaluate impacts currently unaddressed by state agencies, and develop, coordinate, and prioritize efforts to address the current and potential future impacts of weather events; and

WHEREAS, this annual report will be posted on the website of each agency represented on the interagency workgroup, for consideration and use by local governments, other stakeholders, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the convening of this interagency workgroup and the publication of an annual report detailing the state's efforts will support and strengthen the activities taking place in Southeast Florida and elsewhere in Florida to prepare for and respond to weather-related impacts, thereby maintaining Florida's economic vitality and extraordinary quality of life for decades to come,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EDGEWOOD CITY COUNCIL, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Edgewood City Council urges the Florida Legislature to enact HB 1223/SB 1544. 24

Section 2. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2016.



John Dowless, Council President

Attest:



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