

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT FOR IRL COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN: "LOOKING AHEAD TO 2030".

WHEREAS: Indian River County is a member of the IRL Council, an independent Special District of Florida pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement created in 2015 and amended in 2017; and

WHEREAS: the IRL Council was created with the sole purpose to serve as the host agency for the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP); and

WHEREAS: the IRL Council and IRLNEP have adopted the following:

VISION: Healthy Ecosystem–Healthy Communities–Healthy Economy

MISSION: One Lagoon – One Community – One Voice

PROMISE: Clean Water for People and Nature

GOALS:

1. To attain and maintain water and sediment of sufficient quality to support a healthy estuarine lagoon ecosystem;
2. To attain and maintain a functioning, healthy ecosystem which supports endangered and threatened species, fisheries, commerce and recreation;
3. To achieve heightened public awareness and coordinated interagency management of the IRL ecosystem; and
4. To identify and develop long-term funding sources for prioritized projects and programs to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the IRL; and

WHEREAS, the IRLNEP engages Indian River Lagoon partners (IRLNEP Management Conference) in a non-regulatory, consensus-driven, and science-based process to develop and implement a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) to protect and improve coastal environments, communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, the IRLNEP Management Conference developed a revised IRL CCMP: "*Looking Ahead to 2030*" that represents a science-based pathway to restore ecosystem and economic health to the IRL that is long-term, non-regulatory, consensus-driven, and community-based; and

WHEREAS, the final CCMP was revised with significant input from citizens throughout the IRL watershed; and

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WHEREAS, the final CCMP was reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at Region IV (Atlanta) and Headquarters (Washington DC). The IRLNEP received a certification letter dated July 23, 2019 from the U.S. EPA verifying that the CCMP revision is consistent with the U.S. EPA CCMP Revision and Update Guidelines and NEP Funding Guidance. Therefore, the CCMP revision is considered final by the U.S. EPA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners encourages the IRL Council to adopt the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan: *"Looking Ahead to 2030"* and to move forward with Indian River Lagoon partners to implement the plan.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner _____, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Bob Solari _____
Vice Chairman Susan Adams _____
Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher _____
Commissioner Tim Zorc _____
Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan _____

The Chairman thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Bob Solari, Chairman

Attest: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court
and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

By: _____
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney