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Alex Reed Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2600 Blair Stone Road MS 235 Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Submitted via: Resilience@FloridaDEP.gov

Dear Ms. Reed:

Indian River County Environmental Planning Staff is working on a 2022 cycle Planning Grant application to the Resilient Florida Program, which offers funding opportunities to assist in the assessment, planning, and adaptation to flooding and sea level rise. The scope of the grant application includes the development of a Vulnerability Assessment that complies with the Resilient Florida legislation statutory criteria outlined in Section 380.093, Florida Statutes.

The County's existing Vulnerability Assessment was completed prior to the Resilient Florida legislation, and as such, a Vulnerability Assessment that is compliant with the statutory criteria is needed to better prepare our community for flooding and sea level rise, and to make our County eligible for future resiliency funding.

I support the application to the Resilient Florida Program for a Planning Grant, and look forward to the assistance that it will provide our community.

Sincerely,

Peter D. O'Bryan

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Indian River County, FL