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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE MAYORS' CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT, AGREEING TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND URGING ALL MAYORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE MAYORS' CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas of the country to the consequences of global climate change with Southeast Florida being at the frontline to experience the impacts of a changing climate, especially sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for immediate, coordinated and visionary action to address the impacts of a changing climate and provide for economic and environmental resilience in Southeast Florida, in 2010 the counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe ("Compact Partners") entered into the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact ("Compact"); and

WHEREAS, further recognizing the role of State water managers and local governments in this regional initiative, the South Florida Water Management District and one municipal representative from each participating county were invited to participate in this early phase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Compact commitment and through a two year collaborative process involving nearly 100 subject matter experts representing public and private sectors, universities, and not-for-profit organizations, the Compact Partners developed the Regional Climate Action Plan ("RCAP"); and

WHEREAS, the RCAP offers recommendations that provide the common integrated framework for a stronger and more resilient Southeast Florida, including:

- Providing the common framework for sustainable communities and transportation planning to be aligned across the region;
- Recognizing the need to protect and address vulnerable water supply, management and infrastructure and preserve fragile natural systems and agricultural resources;
- Providing steps to move towards resilience and reducing emissions through exploring alternatives and decreasing the use of energy and fuel;
- Building upon strength as effective emergency responders and integrating climate change hazards in risk reduction and emergency management planning;
- Providing for effective public outreach initiatives to educate the public on the consequences of climate change and providing guidance for developing and influencing public policies related to climate change; and

1 sustainability action plans, comprehensive plans and/or climate action plans where and when
2 appropriate and financially feasible.

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4 **Section 4. Urging Mayors to Join the Climate Action Pledge.** The Village of Biscayne Park
5 urges all Mayors within the County to join the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge.

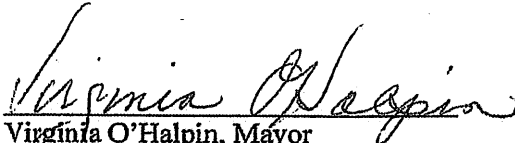
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7 **Section 5. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase herein is held to be invalid
8 by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the
9 remaining portions of this Resolution.

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11 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its
12 adoption.


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15 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of November, 2021.

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17 The foregoing resolution upon being submitted to Commission, was approved by unanimous consensus
18 as follows:

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20 Mayor O'Halpin: yes
21 Vice-Mayor Hamelburg: yes
22 Commissioner Gonzalez: yes
23 Commissioner Kennedy: yes
24 Commissioner Samaria: yes
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29 Virginia O'Halpin, Mayor
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37 Debra E. Eastman, MMC
38 Interim Village Clerk
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42 Approved as to form:

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45 Edward A. Dion, Village Attorney
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