

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2019-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MARATHON, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF MARATHON  
TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION;  
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**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 8 inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another 8 inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, sea level rise of just 4 inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%; and

**WHEREAS**, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all 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 of 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 our 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 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** The City 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 adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS \_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

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**John Bartus, Mayor**

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**ATTEST:**

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

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David Migut, City Attorney