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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON
ADOPTING A 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 AS
APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;
PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted the U.S. Mayors'
Climate Protection Agreement (U.S. Mayors' Agreement) that became a national model for
effective collaboration and the framework for more than 1,000 municipalities throughout the
nation to take actions to reduce global warming and address the impacts of a changing climate;
and

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

6 WHEREAS, further recognizing the role of the State of Florida water managers and
7 local governments in this regional initiative, the South Florida Water Management District and
8 one municipal representative from each participating county were invited to participate with the
9 Compact Partners; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the RCAP offers recommendations that provide the common integrated
15 framework for a stronger and more resilient Southeast Florida, including: 1) Providing the
16 common framework for sustainable communities and transportation planning to be aligned
17 across the region; 2) Recognizing the need to protect and address vulnerable water supply and
18 water supply infrastructure, and preserve fragile natural systems and agricultural resources; 3)
19 Providing steps to move towards resilience and reducing emissions through exploring
20 alternatives and decreasing the use of energy and fuel; 4) Building upon the strength as
21 effective emergency responders and integrating climate change hazards in risk reduction and
22 emergency management planning; and 5) Providing for effective public outreach initiatives to
23 educate the public on the consequences of climate change and providing guidance for
24 developing and influencing public policies related to climate change; and

1 WHEREAS, municipalities individually have been working to achieve sustainability,
2 and the RCAP presents an opportunity to align these individual local efforts with the regional
3 framework and vision; and

4 WHEREAS, the RCAP does not provide a mandate but rather serves as a living
5 document (guidance) with options that each regional and local government may align to their
6 own plans and adopt and utilize based on their interests and vision for the future; and

7 WHEREAS, the willingness of counties and municipalities to jointly develop and
8 advocate for mutually beneficial agreements, policies and strategies intended to influence
9 regional, state and national resilience efforts advances "Good Neighbor" relationships; and

10 WHEREAS, the need exists for Mayors within the region of Southeast Florida to
11 collaborate on actions that will advance regional climate action planning and influence regional
12 climate policies in Southeast Florida while continuing to advance the national goals of the U..S.
13 Mayors' Agreement; now therefore

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOCA
16 RATON:

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18 Section 1. The City of Boca Raton adopts the recitals set forth herein as a Climate
19 Action Pledge.

20 Section 2. The City of Boca Raton affirms support for the Southeast Florida
21 Regional Climate Change Compact.

22 Section 3. The City of Boca Raton agrees to consider integrating the Regional
23 Climate Action Plan framework in whole or in part as appropriate into existing and future
24 municipal sustainability action plans, comprehensive plans, and/or climate action plans
25 where and when appropriate and financially feasible.

1 Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution is held
2 invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

3 Section 5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and
4 hereby are repealed.

5 Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption.

6 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Boca Raton this 23rd
7 day of May, 2017.

8 CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

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10 ATTEST:

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13 Susan S. Saxton
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15 Susan S. Saxton, City Clerk

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Susan Haynie
Susan Haynie, Mayor



COUNCIL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE	✓		
DEPUTY MAYOR JEREMY RODGERS	✓		
COUNCIL MEMBER ANDREA LEVINE O'ROURKE	✓		
COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT SINGER	✓		
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT S. WEINROTH	✓		