

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2011-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT AND THE ICLEI CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FIVE MILESTONE PROCESS AS PART OF THE REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN AND CONSIDERING THE CITY OF MARATHON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TO ASSUME LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, there is consensus among the world's leading scientists that a warming climate is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to the consequences of climate change with Southeast Florida on the frontline to experience the impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, local government leaders in Southeast Florida recognize the value of collaboration and partnerships between all governmental entities to ensure the environment and economic sustainability and climate resilience of Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, regional and local government collaboration to prepare for climate change impacts provides multiple benefits by building a more resilient economy, and by helping to reduce the physical impacts and costs to people, property and resources associated with a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact establishes that the Compact recommends that all affected counties develop joint federal and state climate and energy-related policies; create a Regional Climate Team for the purpose of constructing a Regional Action Plan; and reconvene the hosting of a Second Annual Regional Climate Leadership Summit in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability USA, has developed the Climate Resilient Communities Program that includes five milestones which further the goals of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact and include: conducting a climate resilience study, prioritizing areas for action and setting goals, publishing a climate resilience action plan, implementing the plan, monitoring, reporting and re-evaluating the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Second Annual Regional Climate Leadership Summit held on October 29, 2010 focuses on “Building a Regional Vision for Prosperity Through Climate Change... moving forward through local collaboration and buy in”; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments throughout the Southeast Florida region individually and through local Leagues of Cities have made great strides in advancing the concepts of sustainability and resiliency through the convening and participation on Task Forces, municipal advisory boards and other green initiatives; and

WHEREAS, sharing regional and municipal green program successes and resources and jointly promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change offer significant mutual benefits; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the local municipalities and regional entities to develop adaptation planning strategies is important to help ensure regional climate change planning efforts best reflect and address the economic and environmental impacts of climate change strategies on local governments; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities within the Southeast Florida region, are invited to participate with the Compact Counties in the Regional Climate Team and incorporation of the ICLEI Climate Resilient Communities Five Milestones into the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Change Plan.

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 of Marathon supports the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to develop a regional Climate Change Action Plan and ICLEI Climate Resilient Communities Program Five Milestones process as part of the regional Climate Change Action Plan.

Section 3. The City of Marathon will consider, as resources permit, support for the Regional Climate Team and participation in the process to develop the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Ginger Snead, Mayor

AYES: Cinque, Keating, Ramsay, Worthington, Snead
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

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



City Attorney