

RESOLUTION 17-R14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION AS A PARTY TO THE **LAKE OKEECHOBEE REGIONAL COMPACT** AND THE COLLABORATION OF PARTIES IN DEVELOPING A LONG TERM REGIONAL ACTION PLAN DEDICATED TO SOLVING COMPLEX WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND AS OTHERWISE AGREED UPON BY ALL PARTIES TO THE COMPACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the south Treasure Coast Region was at the epicenter of the 2016 algae crisis, an unprecedented algal bloom growth spurred by decades of manmade conditioning, and proliferated by freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, during 2016 a group made up of cities and counties, since called the Lake Okeechobee Learning Collaborative met a number of times to address the water management needs throughout the region while identifying commonality among each of the 164 municipalities and 19 counties in South Florida affected by chronic, damaging water pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Okeechobee Regional Compact is the most comprehensive effort in the State by impacted local governments to address extraordinary, far-reaching water quality issues affecting a population of more than 8 million Americans in central and south Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City of Fort Pierce hereby supports the Lake Okeechobee Regional Compact;

SECTION 3: The City supports the collaboration of all parties to the compact in working to develop a Regional Action Plan addressing complex regional water management issues and as otherwise agreed upon by all parties;

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 3rd day of April, 2017.

LINDA HUDSON, MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

LINDA W. COX, CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

JAMES MESSER, CITY ATTORNEY