

RESOLUTION NO. 19-RXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN J. MAST'S **STOP HARMFUL DISCHARGES ACT (H.R. 6700)**; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018, Representative Brian J. Mast introduced the Stop Harmful Discharges Act (H.R. 6700), to give priority to health and human safety due to Lake Okeechobee being managed to the substantial detriment of the communities east and west of the lake; and

WHEREAS, algae in the St. Lucie River has tested nearly 50 times more toxic than the level considered safe for human contact. These toxins cause nausea, vomiting, liver disease and even death. Scientists have linked at least one other toxin in the algae to neurological diseases such as ALS and Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, the Stop Harmful Discharges Act will amend the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project purposes to prioritize public health and safety on the Treasure Coast and throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the health and safety of communities east and west of the lake will be given equal priority to the rest of Florida for the first time and the Secretary of the Army shall be directed to modify operations of current projects to ensure that public health and safety is the prime consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is necessary, reasonable, and in the best interest for the City to support Representative Brian J. Mast's Stop Harmful Discharges Act (H.R. 6700), as the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce's health, safety and welfare is paramount.

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

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

SECTION 2: The City of Fort Pierce, Florida supports House Bill 6700 relating to Stopping the Harmful Discharges Act in order to protect the citizens of Fort Pierce's health and safety caused by the toxic algae blooms.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted on this 7th day of January, 2019.

Linda Hudson, Mayor Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form
And Correctness:

Ben Bryan, Jr., Esq.
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