

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM, RECURRING AND ADEQUATE STATE FUNDING THAT IS EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER RESOURCE AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROJECTS THAT REDUCE NUTRIENT AND POLLUTANT LOADING FROM WASTEWATER SOURCES, MITIGATE STORM WATER AND FLOODING IMPACTS, AND INCREASE AVAILABLE WATER RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE PINELLAS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Florida's ability to meet the water needs of its growing population, industries and natural environment exceeds available supply and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that \$48.7 billion will be needed over the next 20 years to meet Florida's needs for drinking water, wastewater, flood control, nutrient pollution reduction, Everglades restoration, and beach and inlet erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, the extent and nature of the state's water and infrastructure problems vary among regions and locales, but include challenges associated with nutrient pollution from septic tanks, wastewater systems and storm water, dwindling water supplies and high costs associated with creating alternative water supplies, and impacts from tidal and storm flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Belleair's most pressing challenge is our most pressing issue is addressing floodwater intrusion into county sewer infrastructure, as well as addressing erosion and nutrient pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's current problems and future needs are attributable to multiple sources and stakeholders - urban, rural, agricultural, business and industrial - and all of them have a shared responsibility for addressing current problems and future needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's local governments lack adequate fiscal resources to address these needs alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida lacks a dedicated, long-term, recurring source of state funding for water supply, water quality and associated infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's state and local governments, residents, businesses and industries must collaborate on shared solutions that will meet Florida's water and infrastructure challenges comprehensively, equitably and for the long-term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida League of Cities has included water resource and water quality funding as one of its 2018 Legislative Priorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1:** The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference herein.

**Section 2:** The Town Commission urges all members of the Florida Legislature to support long-term, recurring and adequate state funding for water resource and water quality improvement projects and infrastructure necessary to assist Florida's local governments in addressing current deficits and meeting future demand, and which will benefit natural systems and all stakeholders.

**Section 3:** The Town Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

**Section 4:** The appropriate Town officials are authorized to execute all necessary documents and to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 5:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of **JANUARY, A.D., 2018.**

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**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Town Clerk**