

RESOLUTION NO. 25-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S BEACH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; APPROVING A FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR AN ESTIMATED \$43,544,521.00 IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT, SAND KEY SEGMENT; INCORPORATING RECITALS HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Pinellas County, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), cost-share in three (3) segments of the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project: Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Long Key; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Key Segment ("Sand Key Project") is scheduled to be nourished in 2025-2026 at a total eligible construction estimate of \$96,979,615.00 with first-year monitoring costs estimated at \$466,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County received a grant in the amount of \$10,356,573.00 from the Florida Department of Emergency Management on June 14, 2024 and amended on September 5, 2024 for Damaged due to Hurricane Idalia, therefore reducing the total projected construction cost for this local government funding request to \$86,623,042.00; and

WHEREAS, the County share for the construction and first-year monitoring costs is projected at \$43,544,521.00, and the FDEP share is projected at \$43,544,521.00; and

WHEREAS, before providing its projected \$43,544,521.00 share for the Sand Key Project, FDEP requires that the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopt a resolution that: a) declares the County's support for the Sand Key Project; b) declares the County's willingness to serve as local sponsor for the Sand Key Project; c) declares the County's ability to provide the full local cost share for the Sand Key Project; and d) identifies the County's source of funding for the Sand Key Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT A DULY ASSEMBLED MEETING HELD ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Board supports the Sand Key Project and is serving as the local sponsor.

Section 3. The Board annually collects and allocates approximately \$8.6 million in Tourist Development Tax funds for beach nourishment projects and has added additional Tourist Development Tax funds for a total Fiscal Year 2025 budget of approximately \$99.7 million in Tourist Development Tax funding, at least \$43,544,521.00 of which is available to fund the County share for the Sand Key Project.

Section 4. The attached FDEP Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Government Funding Request for \$43,544,521.00 for the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, Sand Key Segment is approved.

Section 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: