

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 95

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND ECOSYSTEMS SUSTAINABILITY, TOURIST OPPORTUNITIES AND REVIVED ECONOMIES OF THE GULF COAST STATES (“RESTORE”) ACT; DESIGNATING AUTHORITY TO PINELLAS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION DIRECTOR MELANIE WEED TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED WITH RESTORE ACT DIRECT COMPONENT FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act’s Direct Component permits Florida counties to apply directly to the U.S. Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) for Federal Financial Assistance for eligible activities, such as natural resource restoration, job creation, and infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, Direct Component funding applications include a series of certifications guaranteeing that activities proposed for funding are consistent with the RESTORE Act, Treasury Regulations, and other Federal laws; and

WHEREAS, Treasury Regulations dictate that such certifications be executed by a “Senior Authorized Official” designated by Pinellas County’s (the “County”) “highest official”, which is the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”);

WHEREAS, the Board previously designated former County Environmental Management Division Director Andrew Squires as Senior Authorized Official in County Resolution No. 15-12;

WHEREAS, Mr. Squires has retired and been replaced as Environmental Management Division Director by Melanie Weed;

WHEREAS, Ms. Weed has over twenty years of service with the County;

WHEREAS, Ms. Weed has already been designated as the County’s RESTORE Act “Authorizing Official”, which authorizes Ms. Weed to submit Direct Component funding applications on www.GrantSolutions.gov; and

WHEREAS, the Board accordingly wishes to appoint Ms. Weed as the new “Senior Authorized Official”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida that:

SECTION 1. Melanie Weed is hereby designated as the County’s Senior Authorized Official for RESTORE Act Direct Component Federal Financial Assistance Application Certifications. As Senior Authorized Official, Ms. Weed may execute any certifications associated with RESTORE Act Direct Component funding applications and legally bind the County thereunder.

SECTION 2. This Resolution abrogates and supersedes County Resolution No. 15-12 (designating Andrew Squires as “Senior Authorized Official”).

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 22 day of September, 2020, Commissioner Peters offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, Seel, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By Brendan Mackesey
Brendan Mackesey, Asst. County Attorney