

RESOLUTION NO. 26-_____

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 2027-2028 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR AN ESTIMATED \$ 862,592.87 IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT, LONG KEY UPHAM 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 Long Key Upham Segment ("Long Key Upham Project") was nourished in 2025-2026 at a total construction cost of \$4,300,185.75 with first and second year monitoring costs estimated at \$45,000 and \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the County share for the construction and first and second year monitoring costs is projected at \$2,187,592.87, and the FDEP share for construction, first and second year monitoring is projected at \$2,187,592.87, which includes \$1,325,000.00 from a grant previously awarded on April 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, before providing the additional projected \$862,592.87 for the Long Key Upham Project Project, FDEP requires that the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopt a resolution that: a) declares the County's support for the Long Key Upham Project b) declares the County's willingness to serve as local sponsor for the Long Key Upham Project; c) declares the County's ability to provide the full local cost share for the Long Key Upham Project; and d) identifies the County's source of funding for the Long Key Upham 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 _____, 2026, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

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

Section 3. The Board annually collects and allocates approximately \$8.2 million in Tourist Development Tax funds for beach nourishment projects and has added additional Tourist Development Tax funds for a total Fiscal Year 2026 budget of approximately \$107 million in Tourist Development Tax funding, at least \$2,187,592.87 of which is available to fund the County share for the Long Key Upham Project.

Section 4. The attached FDEP Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Local Government Funding Request for \$862,592.87 for the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, Long Key Upham 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: