

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF XXXX PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF XXXXXX TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SEAWALL COALITION

WHEREAS, flooding during king tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that if unaddressed will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise has risen 8 inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another 8 inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just 4 inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all Florida given the limestone bedrock beneath much of the state which allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion, and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves \$4 in recovery costs, and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal towns to fully address the challenge of sea level rise and flooding, and the Seawall Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding that invest in and protect our coastal communities, and

WHEREAS, the Seawall Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance the City's sea level rise effort, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and flooding are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the Seawall Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions, and

WHEREAS, joining the Seawall Coalition will aid the City's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the City Commission, and

WHEREAS, [reference existing flood prevention and sea level rise work done by the city]

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that joining the Seawall Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and ensure the prosperity of the City economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF XXXXXX:

The City of XXXX recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the Seawall Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City's residents.