

RESOLUTION NO. 802

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO TASK THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPROTUNITY WITH PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT WITH MATCHING FUNDS TO RETROFIT FDOT OUTFALLS IN THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT WITH MODERN BAFFLE BOX TECHNOLOGY TO HELP ALLEVIATE POLLUTION FROM THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON.

WHEREAS, the Indian River Lagoon has lost approximately 47,000 acres of seagrass in the last few years because of nutrient loading resulting in toxic algae blooms; and

WHEREAS, stormwater runoff has been one of the causes of nutrient loading of the waters on the Indian River Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has numerous outfalls in the Indian River Lagoon that are not equipped to remove pollutants with up to date baffle boxes, and FDOT shares responsibility for maintaining Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL); and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the Indian River Lagoon is calculated at over \$4 billion annually; and

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, A FOLLOWS:

The Town Commission requests Florida Governor Scott to task the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) with providing funding to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to help the Town of Sewall's Point with matching funds to retrofit FDOT outfalls with modern baffle box technology to alleviate the pollution of this valuable Florida resource, the Indian River Lagoon; and that he further instruct all agencies to streamline permitting processes so that these important measure may be implemented with all due haste.

DULY ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 27th day of January, 2015

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

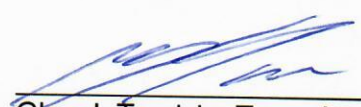


Paul Luger, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Florida Bar No. 343374
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency