

1 EXHIBIT 1

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-
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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE OF
6 THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE
7 UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL BILLS S. 279 AND H.R. 833 TO
8 AMEND SECTION 935 OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
9 ACT OF 1986 TO FACILITATE THE USE OF FOREIGN OFFSHORE SAND
10 IN BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS; URGING THE UNITED
11 STATES CONGRESS TO EXPEDITE AND FUND THE STUDY TO ALLOW
12 FOREIGN SAND TO BE USED IN BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS
13 IN SOUTH FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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16 **WHEREAS**, beaches and dunes serve as a vital buffer between coastal infrastructure
17 and the destructive forces of ocean waves and surge during storm events; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, beach renourishment adds sand to coastal system, helps keep the erosive
20 power of strong waves from reaching dunes and structures, and buffers against the effect of
21 sea level rise and climate change, thereby protecting coastal properties and the coastal
22 environment; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, beach renourishment has been an ongoing practice in southeast Florida
25 since the late 1970's providing essential economic, environmental and recreational benefit to
26 coastal communities; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, throughout the region, twenty-four (24) federal and nonfederal beach
29 renourishment projects provide storm damage reduction to infrastructure as well as incidental
30 recreational opportunities; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, South Florida is running out of dependable, economical, and
33 environmentally practicable sand sources; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, Section 935 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 ("WRDA
36 1986") states that the Army Corps can only use domestic sources of sand for renourishment
37 projects, unless the Secretary of the Army provides written certification that domestic sources
38 are not available for environmental or economic reasons; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, in March, 2016, the Army Corps completed a Limited Reevaluation Report
2 and Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact with updated economics
3 to justify potential alternative sand sources for future renourishment projects to utilize new sand
4 sources, which include Bahamas sand; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the option to import offshore sand from the Bahamas to expedite beach
7 renourishment projects in South Florida is important because the sand may be closer to the
8 quality of the sand the City's beaches than some of the alternatives listed by the Army Corps;
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11 **WHEREAS**, foreign offshore sources may have a lower cost to import than purchasing
12 sand from approved upland sources, and there may be fewer impacts on roads, such as
13 reduced quality of life impacts resulting from truck traffic and fewer carbon emission from trucks
14 hauling the sand; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hallandale Beach supports a recent decision by the federal
17 government to study the benefits of replenishing Florida beaches with foreign sand; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2017, United States Senator, Marco Rubio introduced S.
20 279, and Unites States Congresswoman, Lois Frankel introduced companion bill H.R. 833 to
21 amend the WRDA 1986 with respect to the acquisition of beach fill to eliminate the restriction
22 against offshore sand; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Hallandale Beach to support S. 279
25 and H.R. 833 to eliminate the restriction against offshore sand, and to urge the United States
26 Congress to expedite and fund the study to evaluate the benefits of replenishing Florida
27 beaches with foreign land.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY**
31 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**

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33 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing "whereas" clauses are confirmed as true and adopted
34 herein.

35 **SECTION 2. Supporting S. 279 and H.R. 833.** The Mayor and City Commission of
36 the City of Hallandale Beach strongly supports United States Congressional Bills S. 279 and

1 H.R. 833 to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and urges the members of
2 the Florida Congressional Delegation to expedite efforts to allow foreign sources of sand be
3 utilized in Beach Renourishment Projects in South Florida. The Mayor and City Commission
4 urges the United States Congress to expedite and fund the study to evaluate the benefits of
5 replenishing Florida beaches with foreign sand.

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7 **SECTION 3. Directions to City Manager.** The Mayor and City Commission direct the
8 City Manager to cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to all appropriate parties.

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10 **SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its
11 adoption.

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13 APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2017.

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19 JOY F. COOPER
20 MAYOR

21 SPONSORED BY: MAYOR JOY F. COOPER

22 ATTEST:

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27 MARIO BATAILLE, CMC
28 CITY CLERK

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30 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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35 JENNIFER MERINO
36 CITY ATTORNEY
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