

RESOLUTION NO. 24-072

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (SMAA) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION THEREOF. DURING A DISASTER, THE CITY MAY NEED RESOURCES BEYOND THE CITY'S CURRENT CAPABILITIES TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND. UNDER THE SMAA, THE CITY WILL BE ABLE TO REQUEST AND PROVIDE RESOURCES DURING A DISASTER FROM ANY OTHER FLORIDA JURISDICTION THAT IS A SIGNATORY OF THIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, mutual aid agreements are encouraged in order to maximize and coordinate the use of available resources within the State to insure faster reimbursements, and

**WHEREAS**, utilizing mutual aid agreements, regardless of the funding sources, is the best way to supplement emergency assistance to protect the health and the safety of the residents located within the impacted area and is cost effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port St. Lucie by Resolution 22 - R 09 , adopted on January 24, 2022, approved the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for the City of Port St. Lucie; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida's Division of Emergency Management updated the existing Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, and;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon the request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, among political subdivisions within the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port St. Lucie may enter into this Mutual Aid Agreement pursuant to the Home Rule Powers granted by Article VIII of the Florida Constitution and the authority granted by Section 166.021, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie finds that this Mutual Aid Agreement serves a valid municipal purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Conflict. If any resolutions, or parts of resolutions, are in conflict herewith, this Resolution shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard Berrios, Interim City Attorney

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
(To Authorizing Resolution)