

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (SMAA) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 00-R31, adopted on July 10, 2000, approved the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for the City of Port St. Lucie; 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 Art. 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 find that this Mutual Aid Agreement serves a valid municipal purpose,

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

Section 1. The City of Port St. Lucie hereby approves and adopts the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. If any Resolution, or parts of any Resolutions, are in conflict herewith, this

Resolution shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 3. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect and this Resolution shall nevertheless stand and be construed as if the illegal or invalid part or portion had not been included herein.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James D. Stokes, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

(To Authorizing Resolution)