

RESOLUTION 2015-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROPOSED PLAN TO RELOCATE BULK OCEAN SAND FROM MARTIN AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES AND REMOVE IT TO MIAMI BEACH, AND URGING THE ARMY CORPS TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (EIS) BEFORE PROCEEDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, opposes the United States Army Corps of Engineers proposed plan to relocate sand from Martin and St. Lucie Counties and deposit it on Miami Beach, and urges the Army Corps to conduct a thorough environmental impact study before moving ahead; and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Lucie Village is opposed to the Army Corps' plan for a myriad of reasons, including but not limited to adverse consequences of prior projects: the Army Corps straightened the Kissimmee River and caused severe impacts, which are only now being readdressed; the Army Corps drained much of the eastern Florida Everglades, thereby destroying natural, environmentally sensitive, wetlands to permit development; the Army Corps has consistently flooded the Caloosahatchee River, the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon with billions of gallons of fresh water releases, causing among other things, the Lost Summer of 2013; and now the Army Corps actions will impact our fragile shoreline and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the draft Army Corps' plan only takes offshore sand from the two counties of Martin and St. Lucie, while there are other alternative sources for Miami Beach erosion control, including several upland sources and existing Miami-Dade County accretion sources; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of St. Lucie Village are entitled to an independent study on the significant impacts to the environment, including but not limited to, the potential negative environmental impacts to sea turtles and corals, as well as storm surge protection.

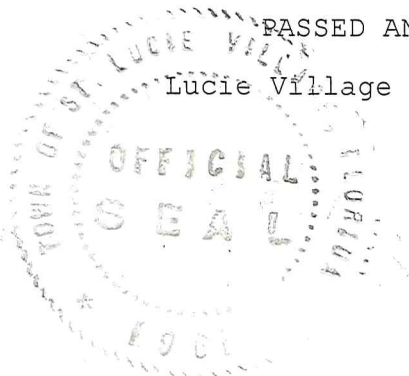
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, as follows:

1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, expresses its opposition to the proposal, and urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to require a thorough Environmental Impact Study (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), before further consideration of the proposed plan.

2. That this Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this 15th day of December, 2015.



APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution **2015-13** which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 15th day of December, 2015.

Diane C. Orme
DIANE C. ORME, CLERK