

RESOLUTION

2024-18

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, IS AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF THE "FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION" UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 161, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BEACH MANAGEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE (BMFA) PROGRAM, TO BE USED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA BEACHES.

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches experience one of the highest eroding shorelines in the State of Florida and is recognized by the Department of Environmental Protection as having a critically eroding shoreline, diminishing storm protection to upland property and structures, reduced recreational opportunities and critical habitat for nesting sea turtles and shorebirds which may impact the tourism-based economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has developed a Beach Management Program for the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches which has identified beach preservation and beach nourishment as a County priority to maintain the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches which are critical to the economic, ecological and environmental health of the area; and,

WHEREAS, the 7.5-mile St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Restoration Project was completed in January 2009 at a construction cost of approximately \$21.8 million, and the 3.1-mile, \$10.2 million St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Nourishment and Environmental Enhancement Project which was constructed in the summer of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has identified the construction of coastal structures to reduce the erosion rate along the southern limits of St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Restoration Project, increase the time between beach nourishment cycles, and reduce public expenditures; and,

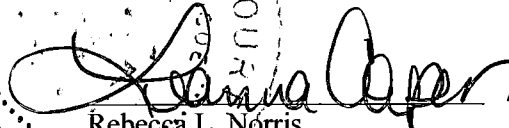
WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has identified the need to source additional offshore sand to support future beach nourishment projects by conducting an offshore sand source investigation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that the Board hereby supports, is willing to serve as the Local Sponsor, has the ability to provide the full local cost share, and has identified a local funding source. The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 funds will be used for the implementation of the Beach Management Program including the monitoring of the nourished beach.

This resolution adopted by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 18TH day of June, 2024.

GULF COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Sandy Quirm, Jr., Chairman

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Rebecca L. Norris

Gulf County, Florida Clerk of Court

