RESOLUTION NO. 170-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE MONROE COUNTY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN AS AN APPENDIX TO THE GREENKEYS PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the 2017 Coordinator’s Manual for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) introduced a series of credit options for “community efforts to anticipate” future flood risk in relation to climate change (FEMA 2017, pg. 110-15); and

WHEREAS, since sea-level rise is expected to be an increasingly critical issue for floodplain management, many of the CRS credit options and assessment criteria for coastal communities specifically refer to studies of sea-level rise impact on future hydrologic conditions and the local drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Coordinator’s Manual notes that a mandatory prerequisite for a community to achieve CRS Class 4 status is that the community must “receive credit for managing the impacts of a 100-year storm and/or sea level rise, where applicable, based on a watershed management plan” (FEMA 2017, Credit 450, pg. 14); and

WHEREAS, each improvement in CRS Class rating (starting from a Class 10) translates into a 5% premium discount on qualifying NFIP policy-holders within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), meaning that a CRS Class 4 status makes qualified policy-holders within the community eligible for a 30% total premium discount; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County is currently rated as a CRS Class 5 community and achieving CRS Class 4 status would result in an additional 5% premium discount for qualified NFIP policy-holders within the SFHA; and

WHEREAS, a qualified watershed management plan is defined as a mandatory prerequisite for CRS Class 4 status and any further NFIP premium discounts that Monroe County residents may receive through the CRS program will likely require the development and adoption of a watershed management plan that meets or exceeds the criteria outlined in the 2017 Coordinator’s Manual; and

WHEREAS, the CRS Watershed Master Plan – Prerequisites for Section 452b require the County to adopt a watershed master (or management) plan that evaluates the future conditions, including the impacts of a median projected sea level rise (based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA’s) “intermediate-high” projection for the year 2100) on the local drainage system during multiple rainfall events, including the 100-year rainfall event; and
WHEREAS, the County has included the development of a CRS-compliant Monroe County Watershed Management Plan as part of a NOAA Grant entitled: "Advancing Understanding of Risk: Increasing Accuracy of Hazard Damage Assessment Tools by Improving Base Data and Analyzing Opportunities and Barriers for Use in Adaptation Planning", June 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County has updated its GreenKeys Climate and Sea Level Rise Plan to incorporate the Monroe County Watershed Management Plan to meet these CRS requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County that:

Section. 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this resolution as restated herein constitute the legislative findings and intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida.
Section. 2. The Monroe County Watershed Management Plan is hereby adopted.
Section. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the _19_ th day of June, 2019.

Mayor Sylvia Murphy
Mayor Pro Tem Danny L. Kolhage
Commissioner Heather Carruthers
Commissioner David Rice
Commissioner Michelle Coldiron

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OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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STEVEN T. WILLIAMS
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 6/24/19