

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM, RECURRING AND ADEQUATE STATE FUNDING THAT IS EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER RESOURCE AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROJECTS THAT REDUCE NUTRIENT AND POLLUTANT LOADING FROM WASTEWATER SOURCES, MITIGATE STORM WATER AND FLOODING IMPACTS, AND INCREASE AVAILABLE WATER RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES; DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE WALTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's ability to meet the water needs of its growing population, industries and natural environment exceeds available supply and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that \$48.7 billion will be needed over the next 20 years to meet Florida's needs for drinking water, wastewater, flood control, nutrient pollution reduction, Everglades restoration, and beach and inlet erosion; and

WHEREAS, the extent and nature of the state's water and infrastructure problems vary among regions and locales, but include challenges associated with nutrient pollution from septic tanks, wastewater systems and storm water, dwindling water supplies and high costs associated with creating alternative water supplies, and impacts from tidal and storm flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeFuniak Spring's most pressing challenge is funding the replacement and upgrade of aging water & sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Florida's current problems and future needs are attributable to multiple sources and stakeholders – urban, rural, agricultural, business and industrial – and all of them have a shared responsibility for addressing current problems and future needs; and

WHEREAS, Florida's local governments lack adequate fiscal resources to address these needs alone; and

WHEREAS, Florida lacks a dedicated, long-term, recurring source of state funding for water supply, water quality and associated infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Florida's state and local governments, residents, businesses and industries must collaborate on shared solutions that will meet Florida's water and infrastructure challenges comprehensively, equitably and for the long-term; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities has included water resource and water quality funding as one of its 2018 Legislative Priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:

- Section 1.** The above "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- Section 2.** The City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs urges all members of the Florida Legislature to support long-term, recurring and adequate state funding for water resource and water quality improvement projects and infrastructure necessary to assist Florida's local governments in addressing current deficits and meeting future demand, and which will benefit natural systems and all stakeholders.
- Section 3.** The City Administration is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Walton County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.
- Section 4.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Mayor, Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:



Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk