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Dear Partners,

On behalf of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (the Compact), I am writing to invite participation and affirm your commitment to jointly advancing strategic climate adaptation and mitigation efforts and advancing the implementation of the Regional Climate Action Plan through adopting the Southeast Florida Climate Action Pledge.

In 2010, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties established the <u>Southeast Florida</u> <u>Regional Climate Change Compact</u>, one of the nation's earliest leaders to conceive of and formalize a collaborative regional approach to address climate change. In 2012, the Compact codified its vision in its first <u>Regional Climate Action Plan</u> (RCAP). In 2022, the Compact undertook the third iteration of the RCAP, through the guidance and expertise of more than 150 subject matter experts. The RCAP 3.0 continues to serve as a comprehensive, ambitious, and voluntary framework that aligns and guides the acceleration of local and regional climate action in Southeast Florida toward a shared vision of a low-carbon, healthy, prosperous, more equitable and more resilient region.

The Climate Action Pledge was first developed in 2012 after the release of the first RCAP document, in recognition of the significant climate leadership demonstrated by local and tribal governments and the central role that municipal and tribal government partners play in advancing toward a more resilient region. More than a third of local and tribal governments joined the four counties in adopting the 2012 Pledge.

A decade later, the Compact has updated the Climate Action Pledge to align with the RCAP 3.0 update and to reaffirm our shared commitment to a regionally collaborative approach to achieving climate adaptation and mitigation objectives. It is our sincere hope that the local and tribal governments in Southeast Florida will once again join us and signal your leadership through adoption of the Pledge.

The Climate Action Pledge is attached for your review and consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me, Dr. Jennifer Jurado, at <u>jjurado@broward.org</u> or Sarah Pariseau, Environmental Policy and Program Lead, at <u>spariseau@broward.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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