

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REPRESENTING GULF COUNTY TO STRUCTURE, DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE PROPER ALLOCATION AND PRIORITIES FOR THE HURRICANCE MICHAEL DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING TO THOSE MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of Commissioners expressed its wishes and intent to seek the support of Governor DeSantis and the Gulf County state legislative delegation for the proper structure, direction and distribution of the long term recovery funds made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program; and

WHEREAS, the Governor thanked Secretary Carson and his team at HUD for issuing the Federal Register so that Florida can now move toward accessing anticipated disaster recovery funding to benefit Gulf County and its neighboring counties in their recovery and noted the “funding will not only help the residents of Northwest Florida repair their homes, but also help communities rebuild stronger, and more resilient”; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has designated the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to lead the state’s efforts in developing a State Action Plan that will provide a strategy on meeting Gulf County’s long-term recovery needs; and

WHEREAS, following discussions by the Board of County Commissioners and its administration in consideration of the devastating effects to the community from Hurricane Michael have constructed and prepared a thorough and comprehensive strategy that addresses specifically Gulf County’s long-term plans for “stronger and more resilient” recovery and rebuilding of the community with Governor DeSantis’ mandate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Gulf County Board of County Commission unanimously support and request from Governor DeSantis and its state legislative delegation any and all appropriate actions and support necessary to establish the following strategies and priorities for Gulf County’s long term recovery and rebuilding with the Hurricane Michael CDBG-DR funding program:

1. The appropriate set aside from the CDBG-DR funds for the proper and prudent hazard mitigation match funds to maximize the fullest impact of the disaster recovery funding for those most affected counties.
2. Gulf County and those other most affected counties from Hurricane Michael receive the appropriate set aside and percentage of funding in proportion to the devastation to each of those counties.
3. The CDBG-DR funding made available through the Florida DEO specifically for those recovery and rebuilding efforts addressing infrastructure, economic development and eligible work force housing (available to those up to 140% of the annual median income); all in continued efforts to make Gulf County and its neighboring counties “stronger and more resilient” to future disaster events.

Section 3. In the event that any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph hereof shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof.

Section 4. Transmission. The County Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book and County records and this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor DeSantis and the Gulf County Legislative Delegation and any and all other members deemed appropriate and necessary, and finally that copies be spread upon the records of Gulf County so it be known the unified voice of Gulf County in support of this effort to assist the proper elected officials in these requests for guidance and support.

DULY adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
SANDY QUINN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Clerk / Deputy Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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