



# TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**MEETING TYPE:** Town Commission Meeting

**MEETING DATE** *February 6th, 2023*

**SUBMITTED BY:** Glenn Joseph, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Highland Beach and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management, which enables the Town of Highland Beach to receive assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency.

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## **SUMMARY:**

The State of Florida Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency. It allows local governmental agencies to request assistance to control and mitigate emergencies or disasters that exceed their ability to handle efficiently and respond to and assist other State agencies that may require a multi-agency response.

The statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon the request of the duly constituted authority of the area.

The Agreement secures the benefits of mutual aid and the protection of life and property at major emergencies and disasters.

The Agreement is beneficial in our mission to protect our residents' safety and quality of life.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No funding is needed to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement as presented and authorize the mayor to execute the Agreement.

