Meeting Date: September 22, 2016

Agenda Item: 11-B

Report to Town Council

Topic: **Resolution 2016-14, expressing support for the Volusia Governments Water Compact.**

Recommended Motion: **Approval of Resolution 2016-14.**

Summary: **Below is an excerpt of the Council minutes from Ponce Inlet's May 19th, 2016 meeting. The Volusia League of Cities is requesting this approval be made by formal resolution. The resolution they have provided has been adopted by most cities and is before you for consideration as well.**

May 19th, 2016 - Volusia Governments Water Resources Compact. Councilmember Paritsky explained that the proposed compact is a concept that was proposed by the Florida League of Cities to establish a regional compact on protecting our water resources. She stated that she attended a Summit at Stetson University on April 30th, which discussed the protection of our water resources, including septic tank replacements, wastewater, potable water supply, water quality and quantity, and the protection local rivers. She stated joining this compact does not represent a commitment at this early stage, it is just providing the Town a seat at the table. Lastly, she stated that they recommend that the Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Official should oversee this effort. She is asking the Council for their level of interest or support to take to the next Roundtable meeting in June. Councilmember Perrone stated the key to water quality is eliminating septic systems and asked if there was a way that the costs could be mitigated to help with the change-out from septic to sewer. Councilmember Paritsky stated that this is the type of information she is seeking and this is the reason behind the Compact is that there are strength in numbers when it comes to researching and addressing

grants for such items. Councilmember Milano expressed he likes the idea of the municipalities coming together, not with money, but to gather information and ideas. Mayor Smith stated he knows Representative Jacobs, worked with her, and that she was instrumental in getting Broward County to replace thousands of septic tanks. Councilmember Paritsky asked for clarification, so she can report back to the roundtable; is the Town of Ponce Inlet amenable to the compact, and amenable to the idea that the water subcommittee, of the Roundtable spearheads the initiative. Council agreed by consensus, 5-0, that the Town is amenable to the compact and for the Roundtable to spearhead the project.

Requested by: Councilmember Paritsky

Approved by: Ms. Witt, Town Manager

RESOLUTION 2016-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUSIA GOVERNMENTS WATER COMPACT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, each of the municipalities in Volusia County and unincorporated Volusia County have numerous water issues that are key to the sustainability and growth of Volusia County and each of its municipalities (hereinafter "Volusia Governments"); and

WHEREAS, the Volusia Governments face pressing water issues, including, but not limited to those relating to septic tank replacements through sewer treatment expansion, wastewater and re-use water, potable water supply, water quality projects to protect the Halifax River, the St. Johns River, the Indian River Lagoon, and our Outstanding Florida Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia Governments can most effectively address water issues together and with a united front to address the myriad common concerns shared by the Volusia Governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUSIA GOVERNMENTS COMPACT

"The Compact" shall refer to this document, and the collective efforts undertaken in furtherance of the aims of each of the Volusia Governments.

The Town of Ponce Inlet will commit to support the following activities:

- Development of and advocacy for joint positions on federal and state legislation, regulations, and administrative policies pertaining to water issues, including, but not limited to, those relating to septic tank replacements through sewer treatment expansion, wastewater and re-use water, potable water supply, water quality projects to protect, the Halifax River, the St. Johns River, the Indian River Lagoon, and our Outstanding Florida Springs (Volusia Blue, Gemini, and DeLeon)
- Creation of common regional baseline information, relating to all relevant water issues.
- Convocation of an annual Volusia Governments Water Summit.
- Development of a Regional Water Action Plan, including strategies to accomplish the common goals of the Volusia County Governments relating to water issues, to be revised every five years from the date of publication of the

first Action Plan.

- Solicitation of external funding and resources to support Compact initiatives.
- Establishment of an enduring organizational structure for the Compact, subject to the approval of each of the Volusia Governments to facilitate Compact work, enhance the strong relationships among the Compact governments, and improve the Compact's competitiveness in seeking external funding and resources.

The Town of Ponce Inlet will continue to support and foster expanded public, private, and nonprofit engagement in Compact initiatives at the local, regional, state, national, and international levels, with an emphasis on communications, partnerships, and capacity building.

In pursuit of the common aims of the Town of Ponce Inlet under the Compact, each such government pledges not to work at cross-purposes with the other governments. However, nothing in this document shall be deemed to limit the power of each governmental entity to govern its respective jurisdictional area.

SECTION 2. CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that holding in no way affect the remaining portion(s) of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall effective immediately upon adoption, however the commitments contained herein shall not be effective until approved through the required procedures of each respective member of the Compact.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that said Resolution be adopted. A roll call vote of the Town Council on said motion resulted as follows:

Mayor Smith, Seat #1 _____

Councilmember Milano, Seat #2 _____

Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3 _____

Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4 _____

Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5 _____

Passed this 22nd day of September, 2016.

Town of Ponce Inlet, Florida

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Gary L. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeaneen Witt, CMC
Town Manager/Town Clerk