RESOLUTION #18-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL SUPPORTING COLLABORATION WITH THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, FLORIDA SMALL COUNTY COALITION, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OTHER PARTNERS TO CONSUMER SERVICES, AND AWARENESS OF BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN FLORIDA, PRIORITIZE THE REDUCTION AND EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF THE LAND APPLICATION OF HUMAN WASTEWATER BIOSOLIDS, AND ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECTS PROGRAM FOR FUNDING NEW STATE OF THE ART WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE RECOVERY AND AFFORD MORE EFFICIENT USE OF HUMAN WASTEWATER BIOSOLIDS

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's (TCRPC) geographical area is comprised of Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Palm Beach counties and the 52 Municipalities contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the TCRPC is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibility in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, regional health, natural resources and regional transportation, and

WHEREAS, it is time to work together as a region and state to increase awareness of current and future biosolids management issues, examine potential water quality impacts from our current practices, and explore new wastewater treatment technologies to improve biosolids resource recovery and management options; and

WHEREAS, the TCRPC wishes to collaborate with Florida Regional Councils Association, Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Florida Small County Coalition, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and other partners to accomplish these objectives and rethink 21st Century human wastewater management practices for Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ENCOURAGES THAT:

- 1. The State of Florida and its local governments prioritize the reduction and eventual elimination of the land application of human wastewater biosolids; and
- 2. The State of Florida establish a Pilot Projects Program for funding local utilities to implement new state of the art wastewater treatment technologies to improve recovery and afford more efficient use of human wastewater biosolids resources.

DULY ADOPTED by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council this 20th of July, 2018.

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