

VOLUSIA GOVERNMENTS WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

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 Indian River Lagoon, the Halifax River, the St. Johns River, and the Outstanding Florida Springs (Blue, DeLeon, Gemini); 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 BOARDS OF EACH OF THE VOLUSIA GOVERNMENTS:

SECTION 1: “The Compact” shall refer to this document, and the collective efforts undertaken in furtherance of the aims of each of the Volusia Governments.

SECTION 2: The Volusia Governments 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 Indian River Lagoon, the Halifax River, the St. Johns River, and the Outstanding Florida Springs (Blue, DeLeon, Gemini).
- 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.

SECTION 3. The Volusia Governments 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.

SECTION 4. In pursuit of the common aims of the Volusia Governments 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 5. The commitments contained herein shall not be effective until approved through the required procedures of each respective member of the Compact.