

-- DRAFT RESOLUTION --

YES TO BEACHES 2006

WHEREAS, America's beaches provide vital economic, recreational, storm damage reduction, and environmental benefits to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the devastation caused by recent hurricanes and severe weather underscores the need to invest in our Nation's water resources infrastructure, including shore protection projects; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60 percent of all Americans live within 50 miles of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the five Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's beaches are the leading tourist destination for millions of domestic and foreign visitors, providing jobs and business profits which in turn produce billions of dollars of tax revenues for the Federal government, as well as state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has made a commitment to our Nation's beaches by partnering with state and local governments to fund on-going beach restoration projects, including periodic beach renourishment, for over sixty years.

WHEREAS, the past half century has demonstrated that beach nourishment works as a means of repairing erosion and providing public recreation while producing at least \$4 in national economic benefits for every \$1 of Federal money spent.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [CITY OF, COUNTY OF, TOWNSHIP OF _____]:

THAT, the [City Council, Local Organization] urges Congress to pass the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), support adequate funding for beach nourishment, reject all efforts to withdraw from or limit the Federal government's role in our Nation's beach nourishment projects and recognize that continued Federal support is critical to the sustained environmental and economic health of our coastal resources and communities.

[Please fax or e-mail this to your congressional delegation as soon as possible and send a copy to the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (see contact information below). Do not mail the resolution to Congress. You can find obtain contact information by following this link: [http://capwiz.com/mandcmp/dbq/officials/.](http://capwiz.com/mandcmp/dbq/officials/)]

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