RESOLUTION 19-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR PROVIDING AND RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER WATER/WASTEWATER UTILITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (FlaWARN) is the formalized system of "utilities helping utilities" to address mutual aid during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, FlaWARN maintains a secure web-based data bank of available resources and a practical mutual aid agreement (MAA) designed to reduce bureaucratic red tape in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the goal of FlaWARN is to provide assistance as quickly as possible to impacted utilities by whatever means necessary until such time that a permanent solution to the damage and destruction may be implemented; and

WHEREAS, FlaWARN is made up of Water and Wastewater Utilities across Florida, assisted by regulatory, technical and law enforcement agencies, including: Florida TREEO Center, the Florida Rural Water Association, the State Emergency Response Team, the Florida Section of American Water Works Association, the Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association, the Florida Water Environment Association and the Southeast Desalting Association; and

WHEREAS, having a signed MAA already on file prior to an emergency can greatly facilitate planning and prioritizing by agencies responding to requests for help in time of need; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to enter into the FlaWARN MAA and authorize the City Manager to execute any required documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida that:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the Florida's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement and authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 4th day of March 2019.

ATTEST:

Laura M. Litzan, City Clerk

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Erik Brechnitz, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney