

RESOLUTION NO. R 018 97

REQUESTING DELAWARE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUE FULL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

WHEREAS, Sussex County has over 40 miles of ocean and bay shoreline; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of individuals visit our pristine beaches yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government is considering reducing the National Weather Service annual budget by \$27.5 million, resulting in the National Hurricane Center in Miami reducing their work staff by 17 percent; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has stated cutbacks could affect their operations, which include forecasting storm tracks, issuing warnings, and gathering weather data in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the last three hurricane seasons have been the busiest in recorded weather history; and

WHEREAS, the most important step in protecting life and property is early detection; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center is dependent on the National Hurricane Center to provide information, including location of a storm, its direction, wind speed, and any warnings that may be needed; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in any of these services could be devastating to the residents and visitors of our beaches;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council, having met in public session, encourages the Delaware congressional representatives to continue funding the National Weather Service at its current funding level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be presented to Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Senator William V. Roth, Jr., and Congressional Michael N. Castle.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R 018 97 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX COUNTY ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 1997.


Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council