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Governor Issues Executive Order Supporting Public Right to Beach Access

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – On Thursday, July 12, 2018, Gov. Rick Scott issued Executive Order 18-202, which requests that all 67 counties in the state of Florida ensure beach access to everyone. The order comes after a new law went into effect on July 1st that made it more difficult for local governments to prevent property owners from restricting access to beachgoers.

“We appreciate the governor’s action on this issue which has caused so much confusion in recent weeks. The City Commission voiced its opposition to the bill prior to its adoption in Tallahassee and continued to make the case for local control over local beaches by adopting a Resolution requesting our state Legislative delegation work to repeal the bill,” said City Manager, Jonathan Evans.

While the City of Madeira Beach does not anticipate any issues associated with the public accessing its beaches, the Governor’s Executive Order directs the state Department of Environmental Protection to establish a website where the public can report any issues in connection to accessing the beaches.

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