A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA, FINDING NECESSITY FOR A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Wildwood found and declared that there exist in Wildwood, Sumter County, Florida, slum and blighted areas which constitute a serious and growing menace, injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the residents of the state; that the existence of such areas contributes substantially and increasingly to the spread of disease and crime, constitutes an economic and social liability imposing onerous burdens which decrease the tax base and reduce tax revenues, substantially impairs or arrest sound growth, retards the provision of housing accommodations, aggravates traffic problems, and substantially hampers the elimination of traffic hazards and the improvement of traffic facilities; and that the prevention and elimination of slums and blight is a matter of state policy and state concern in order that the state and its counties and municipalities shall not continue to be endangered by areas which are focal centers of disease, promote juvenile delinquency, and comsume an excessive proportion of its revenues because of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, hospitilization, and other forms of public protection, services, and facilities.

AND WHEREAS, it is further found and declared that certain slum or blighted areas, or portions thereof, may require acquisition, clearance, and disposition subject to use restrictions, as provided in this part, since the prevailing condition of decay may make impracticable the reclamation of the area by conservation or rehabilitation; that other areas or portions thereof may, through the means provided in this part, be susceptible of conservation or rehabilitation in such a manner that the conditions and evils enumerated may be eliminated, remedied, or prevented; and that salvageable slum and blighted areas can be conserved and rehabilitated through appropriate public action as herein authorized and the cooperation and voluntary action of the owners and tenants of property in such areas.

WHEREAS, it is further found and declared that the powers conferred by this part are for public uses and purposes for which public money may be expended and the power of eminent domain and police power exercised, and the necessity in the public interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

AND WHEREAS, it is further found and declared that the preservation or enhancement of the tax base from which a taxing authority realizes tax revenues is essential to its existence and financial health; that the preservation and enhancement of such tax base is implicit in the purposes for which a taxing authority is established; that tax increment financing is an effective method of achieving such preservation and enhancement in areas in which such tax base is declining; that community redevelopment is such areas, when complete, will enhance such tax base and provide increased tax revenues to all affected taxing authorities, increasing their ability to accomplish their other respective purposes; and that the preservation and enhancement of the tax base in such areas through tax increment financing and the levying of taxes by such taxing authorities therefore and the appropriation of funds to a redevelopment trust fund bears a substantial relation to the purposes of such taxing authorities and is for their respective purposes and conerns.

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Wildwood that the necessity for a Community Redevelopment Plan and Program has been clearly established.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Wildwood, Florida in regular session this 13th, day of WARCH, 1989.

CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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Mayor-dommissioner