Welcome.

Where are you from? We hear this question every day, all over South Florida. Some of us are from up north and came to thaw out. Some of us are from countries to the south and came to escape turmoil. Wherever we came from and for whatever reason, we now call South Florida home. We savor the unique culture our diversity has created as well as its opportunities. And together, we face Florida’s multitude of natural disasters—hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions, tornadoes, wildfires, and floods.

Our resilience strategy—that is, planning for and dealing with such adversity—begins with and ends with our people, with you. We are surrounded by family and friends. We are part of neighborhoods, community organizations, businesses, and churches. The intricate systems and processes that support us—transportation, water, the environment, food, and energy—also connect us. However, we are a large, complex, and diverse region and sometimes individuals and communities fall through the cracks. This document is intended to address this and other resilience challenges through intergovernmental and community collaboration. This resilience strategy will build on our existing networks and endeavor to safeguard our people, our homes, and our livelihoods, so that no person, neighborhood, or business is left behind.

Resilience, for us, means providing the opportunity for every person and every community to bounce back after large-scale flooding events, hurricanes, or economic hardships, and to not only survive, but thrive in the face of sea level rise, expensive housing, challenging traffic, and uncertain labor markets. By connecting, engaging, and empowering every voice in our community, we will stand strong and share our unique South Florida story. Join us in this journey.