

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLMES BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRUISE PORT IN MANATEE COUNTY; AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING ITS COASTAL RESOURCES, ECONOMIC VITALITY, AND ENVIRONMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Holmes Beach is a coastal municipality on a barrier island that is dependent on clean water, white sand beaches, and thriving marine ecosystems that support a robust tourism and recreation economy vital to the well-being and identity of its residents, businesses, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, a cruise terminal operator and service provider in North America, in partnership with another corporation, has submitted pre-application materials to Manatee County's economic development division for a proposed cruise terminal in an estimated 328-acre tract south of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, near Terra Ceia Bay, in Manatee County (the "Proposed Tract"); and

**WHEREAS**, the pre-application process is a nonbonding review process through Manatee County that does not include a complete proposal or constitute final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, at present, the Proposed Tract could not be developed as a cruise terminal without comprehensive plan amendments and rezoning through Manatee County; and

**WHEREAS**, development of the Proposed Tract as a cruise terminal would likely require extensive dredging in a sensitive coastal estuary ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Manatee County legislative delegation have informally expressed opposition to the concept of a cruise terminal in the Proposed Tract based on environmental concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, there is not an established timeline for the submission, evaluation, and definitive resolution of a cruise terminal on the Proposed Tract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLMES BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The City of Holmes Beach hereby opposes the establishment of a cruise terminal in Terra Ceia Bay, Manatee County, and urges the County Commission to carefully consider the environmental and infrastructural impacts of any such proposal that it may consider once a formal application is submitted.

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission and approval by the Mayor in accordance with the Charter of the City of Holmes Beach.

**ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Holmes Beach, Florida, upon reading by title only, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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APPROVED BY ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Judy Titsworth, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stacey Johnston, MMC, CBTO  
City Clerk, City of Holmes Beach

