

# 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**After-Action Report**

March 24, 2020

# QUICK STATISTICS

- ▶ **3,517** bills and resolutions were filed during the 2020 legislative cycle...
- ▶ **412** bills passed their house of origin...
- ▶ **207** bills and resolutions survived the 2020 Regular Session...
- ▶ Governor DeSantis now has **15 days** from **receipt** of a bill to sign or veto – otherwise it becomes law without his signature...
- ▶ **653** bills were on the Collier County tracking list...

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: CORONAVIRUS BUDGET

- ▶ **\$25 million** in State General Revenue to the Dept. of Health...
- ▶ **\$27 million** from the Federal Grants Trust Fund to the Dept. of Health (from the *first* emergency congressional appropriation, HR 6074, which provided \$8.3 billion)...
- ▶ **\$300 million** set aside by the State in reserve...

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: VACATION RENTALS

- ▶ Passed the House...
- ▶ Made it to its final Senate committee stop (Rules)...
- ▶ Governor DeSantis weighs in: “micromanaging”...

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: CLEAN WATERWAYS ACT

- ▶ Transfers regulation of septic tanks from the Dept. of Health to the Dept. of Environmental Protection.
- ▶ Directs DEP to assess Basin Management Action Plans.
- ▶ Increases fines for wastewater violations.
- ▶ Establishes a 50% matching state & local grant program to connect septic tanks to sewer systems, upgrade septic systems and enact other wastewater improvements.

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: CLEAN WATERWAYS ACT

- ▶ Creates regulations for agricultural use of fertilizers and requires farmers to provide fertilizer records and submit to onsite inspections.
- ▶ Authorizes the Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services to collaborate with academic institutions to develop Best Management Practices for reducing nutrients.

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: \$93.2 BILLION BUDGET

- ▶ Visit Florida extended until 2023, with **\$50 million** in funding for the *next* fiscal year...
- ▶ **\$100 million** for the Florida Forever land acquisition program...
- ▶ **\$370 million** for the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund...
- ▶ **\$50 million** for DEP's Beach Management Funding Assistance Program...
- ▶ **\$1.1 million** for Naples Bay Red Tide Septic Tank Mitigation Program – Phase II... **BCC Adopted a Resolution of Support**

# PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS

- ▶ Cocohatchee River Critical Dredge – Ask: \$600K **\$100K Funded** 
- ▶ Golden Gate City Master Plan – Ask: \$500K
- ▶ Golden Gate City Outfall Phase I – Ask: \$200K **\$100K Funded** 
- ▶ Goodland Drive Rehabilitation Project – Ask: **\$1 Million** 
- ▶ SF Regional Shelter & Continuing Operations Center – Ask: \$8 Million



# STATE VETERANS' NURSING HOME

- ▶ Staff from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs *will* be coming to Collier County to visit the proposed Golden Gate site once the statewide coronavirus emergency has abated.

DEFENSE! DEFENSE!! DEFENSE!!!

- ▶ Ian Barnwell – *Growth Management*
- ▶ Diane DiPascale – *Public Utilities*
- ▶ Joshua Thomas – *Public Services*
- ▶ Lee Willer-Spector – *Administrative Services*

