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To whom it may concern,

The City of Port Richey is pleased to provide this letter of support for SkyWind Solutions and their hyperlocal tide prediction software platform. Our municipality has had the privilege of participating in a pilot program with SkyWind Solutions, and we are writing to share our experience and strong endorsement of their innovative technology.

The City of Port Richey operates within a unique coastal environment, characterized by a large watershed and direct access to the Gulf of Mexico. As a small municipality with limited staff resources, operational efficiency is paramount to our ability to serve our community effectively. SkyWind Solutions' hyperlocal tide prediction software has proven to be an invaluable asset in optimizing our resource allocation and planning processes.

The software interface is intuitive and user-friendly, requiring minimal training for staff adoption. Our standard protocol involves consulting the prediction portal approximately twice weekly to identify tide times of operational concern. Throughout our utilization period, we have consistently found that the software's predicted tide times and magnitudes closely align with our field observations, demonstrating a high degree of accuracy and reliability.

One of the most significant benefits we have experienced is the software's ability to narrow the traditional wide window of uncertainty inherent in tide prediction. This precision has enabled our team to plan field observations more strategically, reducing unnecessary site time while ensuring we capture critical data during key tidal events. This efficiency gain is particularly valuable given our staffing constraints.

While many prediction tools are primarily utilized for monitoring extreme high-water events such as king tides or storm surge, our application of SkyWind Solutions' platform has extended beyond these conventional uses. We have successfully leveraged the hyperlocal prediction tool to identify and prepare for extreme low tide conditions, which present distinct operational challenges for our community. These low tide events create navigation hazards for residents and

can significantly impact the deployment capabilities of our police and fire department watercraft. The accuracy of SkyWind's predictions allows our emergency services to proactively evaluate whether to relocate marine assets to deeper water or secure them on trailers, thereby maintaining operational readiness.

Based on our experience, the City of Port Richey considers this pilot program a resounding success. The tangible operational improvements, combined with the software's reliability and ease of use, have exceeded our initial expectations. We are enthusiastic about continuing our partnership with SkyWind Solutions and their water prediction program, and we believe their technology represents a valuable tool for coastal municipalities seeking to enhance operational efficiency and public safety.

We are confident in recommending SkyWind Solutions to other governmental entities and organizations that could benefit from accurate, hyperlocal tide prediction capabilities.

Should you require any additional information regarding our experience with SkyWind Solutions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,



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