

Hands Across The Sand Is Coming To Your Beach or City

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## \*\*\*\*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\*\*\*\*

## Hands Across the Sand Coming to Tybee on May 20<sup>th</sup>

**WHAT:** A crowd of well-informed coastal Georgians will join hands forming a line across the beach near the Tybee Island Pier, celebrating a local "Hands Across the Sand/Land" event. This is one of many globally synchronized events to raise awareness about the dangers of dirty fossil-fuels and the need to speed the transition to available, affordable clean-energy solutions.

These coordinated events are particularly salient this year, with the Trump Administration's vision to "unleash America's \$50 trillion in untapped shale, oil, and natural gas reserves, plus hundreds of years in [coal] reserves." Abandoning the Paris Accord – aimed at investing in a green-energy future – not only fails to honor international agreements to fight climate change, but it actually <u>reduces</u> job prospects and endangers billions across the entire world threatened by rising seas, flooding, wildfires, and drought.

**WHO:** Scores of coastal Georgians will be attending who are affiliated with various organizations concerned about climate change. Among others, the Center's board president, Steve Willis will speak to those assembled on Tybee beach.

WHEN: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.

WHERE: Beach adjacent to the Tybee Island Pier, Tybee Island

## **\*\*INTERESTING INTERVIEW AND PHOTO/ VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE\*\***

**Background:** Floridian Dave Rauschkolb founded Hands Across the Sand/Land in October 2009. Hands Across the Sand is endorsed by national environmental organizations including Surfrider Foundation, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Oceana, Sierra Club, Gulf Restoration Network, and Center for a Sustainable Coast. In-kind supporters are Urban Paradise Guild and Blue Frontier Campaign.