

RESOLUTION 2019-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FUTURE ST. JOSEPH BAY RECREATIONAL SCALLOP SEASON TO REMAIN ON CURRENT COMMENCEMENT DATE OF AUGUST 16th EACH CALENDAR YEAR THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15TH OR AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners seeks to continue its long and proud history of protecting St. Joseph Bay and its ecosystem and marine life; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also seeks to continue its long history of support of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FWC”) and its efforts in Gulf County to protect and promote healthy wildlife and its preservation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this county, state and region look to this Commission for its continued leadership and support for the protection of St. Joseph Bay and its preservation for the current and future generations;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the FWC’s ongoing research conducted by the Molluscan Fisheries Program as well as the Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) during the previous several calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the Commission following its cooperative efforts and evaluation of the St. Joseph Bay Scallop population the past several years has determined the current 2019 season was a success for its implementation and opening of the month long recreational scallop harvest season that demonstrated to be most beneficial to all interested parties and most importantly the environment and aquacultures; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall also continue to explore and support multiple efforts by local, state and regional officials including but not limited to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its efforts in Gulf County to protect and promote healthy scallop population through restoration and preservation projects; and

WHEREAS, on this 17th day of December, 2019, the Port St. Joe City Commission (“Commission”) duly organized under the laws for the State of Florida has properly met and convened and unanimously resolved its unfettered support of the preservation of the St. Joseph Bay as well as the continued efforts from the FWC’s in the conservation and protection of Gulf County’s molluscan fisheries and to maintain the current one month recreational season each year from August 16th to September 15th or as close thereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS;

1. The Port St. Joe City Commission pledges its continued cooperation and support of the FWC and its efforts for conservation and promotion of a healthy St. Joseph Bay in requesting that the FWC keep the recreational scallop harvest season from August 16th through September 15th each year as the traditional annual date or as close thereto.
2. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to all elected officials representing Gulf County and its elected Board of County Commissioners within the Florida Executive and Legislative branches and the United States Congress.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this December 17, 2019.

CITY COMMISSISON OF THE CITY
OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

BY:



Rex Buzzett
Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:



Charlotte M. Pierce
Auditor/Clerk