

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 2020 AS THE YEAR TO EMBRACE THE GULF AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GULF OF MEXICO'S IMPORTANCE TO THE NATION.

WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize 2020 as the Year to Embrace the Gulf and acknowledge the Gulf of Mexico's importance to the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico is an ocean basin bounded on the north, northeast, and northwest by the Gulf Coast of the United States, on the south and southwest by Mexico, and on the southeast by Cuba; and the Gulf of Mexico is bordered by five Gulf Coast states: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and the Gulf region contributes to the nation's economy, security, energy, environment, heritage, beauty, diversity, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico's watershed covers more than half of the continental United States and the Mississippi River drains more than one-third of the nation, and it is characterized with diverse flora and fauna, provides food, shelter, and habitat to marine and estuarine organisms, shorebirds, waterfowl, and wildlife, and the Gulf Coast supports our nation's seafood industry through commercial fishing but also provides recreational adventures such as sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico is more than just a pretty picture; it provides thousands of miles of beautiful, affordable shoreline living, and the Gulf Coast region is also one of the most culturally diverse regions in the nation with millions of residents tracing their heritage to Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and the Gulf Coast embraces a variety of traditions and invokes a strong sense of place; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf region plays a vital role in our nation's defense and aerospace exploration; moreover, it is crucial to oil, gas, and energy production, as well as import and export trade; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Coast tourism generates hundreds of billions of dollars each year, and if the Gulf area were a country, our economy would rank among the top 10 worldwide, and by increasing awareness of the Gulf of Mexico's many treasures and limitless value, we ensure a sustainable future.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that we do hereby acknowledge and observe 2020 as "The Year to Embrace the Gulf" and encourage the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and Louisiana to commemorate its observance

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 20 DAY OF AUGUST, 2020, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK