

RESOLUTION NO. 23-xxx

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN EXECUTIVE REQUEST TO THE
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR
TO ENROLL THE PENSACOLA AND PERDIDO BAYS ESTUARY PROGRAM
INTO THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM**

FINDINGS:

1. On August 31, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Gulf of Mexico Division and Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council announced the award of a \$2 million RESTORE Act Component 2 grant to establish the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP).
2. The Estuary Program was formed through Interlocal Agreement on February 19, 2019, by Baldwin County, City of Gulf Breeze, City of Milton, City of Pensacola, City of Orange Beach, Escambia County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, and the Town of Century.
3. The Estuary Program's mission is to restore and protect the Pensacola and Perdido Bay watersheds through restoration, education, and unbiased monitoring of the health of our estuaries.
4. The Estuary Program was established to develop and implement a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) to restore and protect the Pensacola Bay System and Perdido Bay System, and their associated watersheds.
5. The Estuary Program has adopted and enacted the CCMP.
6. The Estuary Program is pursuing designation as an estuary of national significance as a National Estuary Program under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act.
7. Enrollment into the National Estuary Program requires the nomination of the Governor to the U.S. EPA Administrator.
8. The Estuary Program and its nine founding members support the executive request from the Governors of Florida and Alabama to the U.S. EPA Administrator to enroll the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program into the National Estuary Program and to designate Pensacola and Perdido Bays as estuaries of national significance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Orange Beach City Council hereby expresses its support to the Governors of Florida and Alabama to make an executive request to the US EPA Administrator requesting that the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program be enrolled into the National Estuary Program and to designate Pensacola and Perdido Bays as estuaries of national significance.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Renee Eberly, City Clerk of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 23-xxx, which was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 6, 2023.

City Clerk