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RESOLUTION NO. 3709

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY FLORIDA TO SUPPORT 2020 AS "THE YEAR TO EMBRACE THE GULF"

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. The Gulf of Mexico is bordered by five Gulf 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. It is characterized with diverse flora and fauna and provides food, shelter, and habitat to marine and estuarine organisms, shorebirds and waterfowl, and wildlife. The Gulf supports our nation's seafood industry through commercial fishing and also provides recreational adventures such as sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico is key to our nation's security and defense; oil, gas and energy production; trade of import and exports; and aerospace exploration. The value of the Gulf to provide these key national services is immeasurable; and

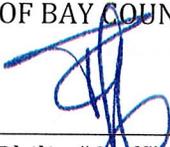
WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico provides thousands of miles of beautiful shoreline for living and visiting. The Gulf Coast region is also one of the most culturally diverse regions in the nation with millions of residents tracing their heritage to Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Gulf Coast embraces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

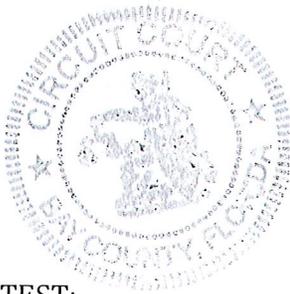
WHEREAS, Gulf Coast tourism generates billions of dollars each year, and by increasing awareness of the Gulf of Mexico's many treasures and limitless value, we ensure a sustainable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Commission does hereby recognize and express its support of 2020 as "The Year to Embrace the Gulf" and encourages the citizens and visitors of Bay County to commemorate its observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regularly scheduled meeting of the Bay County Board of County Commissioners, this 19th day of May 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA


Philip "Griff" Griffitts, Chairman



ATTEST:


Bill Kinsaul, Clerk of Court



COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Approved as to form and legality

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