RESOLUTION 2012-30 SUPPORTING THE NATURE CONSERVANCY’S SUBMISSION TO THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION’S FEMA 2012 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Ms. Judy Haner, Marine and Freshwater Programs Director of The Nature Conservancy in Alabama to the Town Council for a statement of support for submission for funding for a project through the Rockefeller Foundation’s FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge; and

WHEREAS, this project will examine community resilience related to potential use of natural shoreline protection solutions, such as constructed oyster reefs and land conservation; and

WHEREAS, losses and damages to residential properties, natural vegetation and infrastructure as well as shoreline erosion has occurred in the Town of Perdido Beach due to coastal storms; and

WHEREAS, said project should result in information beneficial to the Town in determining if natural shoreline protection solutions, such as construction of oyster reef breakwaters/living shorelines, could provide a long-term, self-sustaining buffer against further loss and damage to threatened private and public properties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council views the proposal being submitted by The Nature Conservancy as an opportunity to work side-by-side with local partners to help identify and implement strategies to strengthen community resilience.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the proposal sent forth by the Nature Conservancy has the support of the Town Council.

APPROVED this 25th day of October, 2012 by the Town of Perdido Beach Town Council in regular session assembled.

Patsy W. Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk