

## RESOLUTION 2015-11 Joining into Partnership on a Project Called "Building Resilience in Gulf Coast Communities through a Whole Community Approach"

WHEREAS, the Weeks Bay Reserve, the GEOS Institute, the University of South Alabama, and others are seeking funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through NOAA'S Regional Coastal Resilience Grants Program for a project proposal called "Building Resilience in Gulf Coast Communities through a Whole Community Approach"; and

**WHEREAS**, the GEOS Institute has built its reputation on helping communities and others increase their resilience to coastal hazards; and

WHEREAS, during the past five years the Town of Perdido Beach has participated in training and assessment opportunities related to community resilience with the goal of developing a resilience plan for the town, including participation in a yearlong grant opportunity sponsored by the Institute for Sustainable Communities; and

WHEREAS, the town has partnered on community resilience efforts with the Weeks Bay (National Estuarine Research Conservancy (NERR) and others, including The Nature Conservancy, the Mississippi/Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, the City of Orange Beach, Baldwin County, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program and the Institute for Sustainable Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Perdido Beach has been invited to become a partner on a project proposal called "Building Resilience in Gulf Coast Communities through a Whole Community Approach".

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach believes that the Town of Perdido Beach and the Gulf Coast Region will benefit by its participation in said project and does hereby accept the invitation; and

FURTHER, does hereby support Mayor Parker in the signing of the attached letter.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this **20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015** in special session assembled and under the Seal of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama.

Patsy W. Parker Patsy W Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk