

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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