

RESOLUTION 32-2013 - A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, RELATING TO NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY AND THE HANDS ACROSS THE LAGOON EVENT; MAKING FINDINGS; SUPPORTING THE HANDS ACROSS THE LAGOON EVENT AND THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Malabar, recognizes the environmental, transportation, economic and overall quality of life benefits that the Indian River Lagoon provides to the Space Coast region; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic value of the Indian River Lagoon has been estimated at more than \$3.7 billion annually to our state and region; and

**WHEREAS**, the central and northern segments of the Indian River Lagoon have lost more than 47,000 acres of vital seagrass habitat since 2011 from harmful algal blooms; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous manatees, dolphins and pelicans have died in the Indian River Lagoon within the past year, resulting in the formal declaration of an Unusual Mortality Event; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Brevard County are becoming increasingly concerned about the status of the Indian River Lagoon's water quality and overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, National Estuaries Day will be celebrated on September 28, 2013, to recognize the importance that estuarine ecosystems serve as natural barriers to buffer against storms and floods, absorb and store carbon, and provide critical habitat for commercial and recreational fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program and Marine Resources Council are working cooperatively with local and state governments, organizations and stakeholders in Brevard County to organize a Hands Across The Lagoon event on National Estuaries Day on September 28, 2013, to give Brevard County residents an opportunity to demonstrate their support for a restored and vibrant Indian River Lagoon by joining hands along selected causeway bridges.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town of Malabar does hereby join the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program and its partners by supporting the proclamation of September 28, 2013 as  
**"National Estuaries Day – Hands Across The Lagoon".**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Abare. This motion was seconded by Council Member McKnight and, upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Council Member Jim Milucky

Aye

Council Member Wayne Abare

Aye

Council Member Steven (Steve Rivet

Aye

Council Member Jeffrey (Jeff) McKnight Aye

Council Member Marisa Acquaviva Excused

This resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

**TOWN OF MALABAR**

By: Carl A. Beatty  
Mayor Carl A. Beatty

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin  
Debby K. Franklin, C.M.C.  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

(seal)

Approved as to Form and Content:

Karl W. Bohn, Jr.  
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Town Attorney