



# SANTA ROSA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Tony Gomillion, County Administrator

**DATE:** March 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Bay Area Resource Council

### DISCUSSION

Discussion of a resolution of support for the Bay Area Resource Council to be designated as the agency for the Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay Estuary Program.

### BACKGROUND

The Bay Area Resource Council serves as an intergovernmental organization that was established in 1987 to coordinate and serve as a means for local governmental units that border the Pensacola and Perdido Bays to unite in the common purpose of protecting and improving the area waterways and watersheds.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016- \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND REQUESTING THAT THE BAY AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL (BARC) BE DESIGNATED AS THE ENTITY FOR THE PENSACOLA BAY AND PERDIDO BAY ESTUARY PROGRAMS WHICH WILL MANAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THE RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF PENSACOLA BAY AND PERDIDO BAY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay and their associated waterways provide boating, fishing, hunting and other outdoor recreational and economic opportunities for citizens and visitors of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, mismanagement of Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay may exacerbate flooding and property loss, negatively impact water quality and estuarine habitat, negatively affect the local economy, and threaten the health, safety and welfare of Florida's citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is seeking funding to "stand up" and establish one (1) Estuary Program in Perdido Bay, Pensacola Bay, or other bays in Northwest Florida in order to coordinate management and improvement of the water bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1987 with elected officials from five local governments (Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, City of Pensacola, City of Gulf Breeze, and City of Milton); and

**WHEREAS**, the BARC has the purpose of improving Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay through community coordination and participation from stakeholders including federal, state and local governments, citizens, academia, and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) has the organizational structure, history and experience with local issues pertaining to Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay to be the entity for the Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay Estuary Programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** That the Board of County Commissioners finds the above recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein by reference.

**SECTION II.** That the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for and requests that the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) be designated as the Estuary Program organization to manage a comprehensive plan for the restoration and protection of Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay.

**SECTION III.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

**SECTION IV.** That the Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Jonathan P. Steverson of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee; Director Shawn Hamilton of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northwest District in Pensacola; Executive Director Brett Cyphers of the Northwest Florida Water Management District in Havana; Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Chair and Secretary of the Department of Commerce Penny Pritzker in Washington, DC; Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Executive Director Justin R. Ehrenwerth in Washington, DC; USEPA Secretary Gina McCarthy in Washington, DC; and USEPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water Ken Kopocis in Washington, DC.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners on a vote of \_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_ absent, in regular session, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Jayer Williamson, Vice-Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Donald C Spencer, Clerk of Courts**