RESOLUTION 19-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF PIER PARK DRIVE FROM FRONT BEACH ROAD TO HILTON DRIVE BEGINNING MARCH 29, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 21, 2019

WHEREAS, City Code and Florida Statute authorize the City to regulate traffic, including the temporary closure of City roads;

WHEREAS, the City finds that the heavily used portion of Pier Park Drive from Front Beach Road to LC Hilton Drive is increasingly used primarily for pedestrian traffic by patrons of Pier Park and that vehicular use of the street is increasingly incompatible with that use and the normal and safe flow of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the availability of vehicular access on Stingray Drive and West Park Drive into Pier Park will preserve ease of access to the closed portions of Pier Park Drive for patrons and business owners; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes authorize the regulation and limitation of any class or kind of traffic on heavily traveled streets which becomes incompatible with the normal and safe flow of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the volume and character of traffic in Pier Park is creating an environment that is contrary to the family friendly atmosphere the City seeks to promote and protect; and

WHEREAS, Pier Park has requested the City close Pier Park Road, a public road under the City's jurisdiction, temporarily during the remainder of the Spring Vacation season which lasts until Easter Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that a temporary closure of a portion of Pier Park Drive will provide access to Pier Park and its amenities while protecting and enabling guests' enjoyment of those amenities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach that:

Pier Park Drive, from Front Beach Road to LC Hilton Drive, shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 12:01 am March 29, 2019 through 11:59 pm, April 21, 2019. This Resolution shall not apply to on-duty police, security or emergency vehicles.

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Read, approved and adopted in regular session this <u>28th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2019.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

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