## **RESOLUTION 16-72**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE HISTORICAL RECREATIONAL USE OF SHELL ISLAND.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that city residents and visitors have historically enjoyed recreational access to Shell Island; and

WHEREAS, Shell Island is a unique natural feature of our area which enhances the quality of life for area citizens; and

WHEREAS, water-based activities on St. Andrew Bay and around Shell Island provide an important source of jobs for City residents, and are a draw and unique amenity for visitors and residents in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates and endorses the need to protect Shell Island's natural resources and encourages the State of Florida to continue to provide recreation and conservation together at the island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:

- 1. The City hereby expresses its support for the continued historical recreational use of Shell Island.
- 2. That the clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott in Tallahassee, Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Jon Steverson, and the Park Manager for St. Andrews State Park.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the Panama City Beach City Council this 4 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016\_\_.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

Gayle F Oberst, Mayor

Diane Fowler, City Clerk

ATTEST