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Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot - Official Declaration Dunedin, Florida is declared a Home City of the Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot by Mission Blue's Dr. Sylvia Earle

[Dunedin, Florida, October 26, 2019]

Mark your calendars for October 26th and be at Pioneer Park at 1:00 P.M. sharp in Dunedin Florida. Her Deepness Dr. Sylvia A. Earle will be there to recognize the newly designated Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot and Dunedin as the home city of the Hope Spot. Dr. Earle is a world renowned oceanographer and founder of Mission Blue. In 1979, she set a record for the deepest dive without a tether; she was the first woman to become the Chief Scientist at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and has been called by Time magazine a "Hero for the Planet".

1:00pm - City Ceremony with Dr. Sylvia Earle - Pioneer Park – Join Dr. Sylvia Earle from Mission Blue, Blue-Green Connections, and Dunedin City Officials for a "ribbon cutting" ceremony announcing the new Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot! The Home City of this Hope Spot, Dunedin, is especially near and dear to Dr. Sylvia Earle; it is where she grew up and first fell in love with the ocean. Come celebrate this special occasion with us!

Bring your children for the scientific activities to follow during the Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot Celebration. If you are an artist or a scientist and would like to participate in this great family-friendly event please e-mail info@bluegreenconnections.org

For more information on the Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot effort and organization visit <u>https://</u> <u>bluegreenconnections.org/</u> or Blue-Green Connections on Facebook. For more information on Hope Spots and Mission Blue visit <u>https://mission-blue.org/</u>

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