

## **RESOLUTION 19-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF A HOPE SPOT WHICH WOULD BE COMPRISED OF THE COASTAL WATERS FROM APALACHICOLA TO TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS WILDLIFE REFUGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dunedin is a coastal community which is concerned with environmental, economic and public health impacts of climate change as seen in the form of sea level rise, storm surge and rising temperatures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dunedin has identified in its Five Epic! Goals to promote Dunedin as the premier coastal community, protecting and improving its natural resources for the enjoyment of all, and to be the statewide model for environmental sustainability stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dunedin seeks a healthy, sustainable future for its residents, businesses and visitors with less pollution and more economic and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope Spots are special places that are critical to the health of the oceans; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope Spots are about recognizing, empowering and supporting individuals and communities around the world in their efforts to protect the oceans; and

**WHEREAS**, Hope Spots allow for planning for the future and they look beyond current marine protected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the area of the Hope Spot being nominated is comprised of the coastal waters from Apalachicola to Ten Thousand Islands Wildlife Refuge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hope Spot goal is to focus on activities promoting and supporting education, research, information sharing and sustainable use of our coastal waters; and

**WHEREAS**, such activities may include educational events through outreach and school events, information sharing events amongst research organizations and other stakeholders, data gathering and sharing to support

research activities, restoration and clean-up activities of our natural coastal areas, promotion of sustainable commercial and recreational fishing, clean water and clean energy initiatives within the City of Dunedin, and engagement with stakeholders to identify other types of activities or initiatives that support the Hope Spot goal.

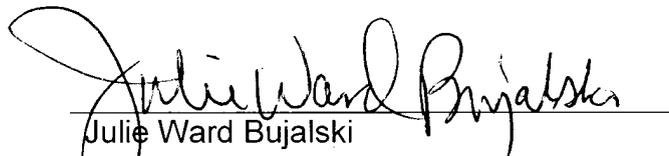
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED:**

**Section 1.** The City Commission of the City of Dunedin hereby supports the nomination of a Hope Spot which would be comprised of the coastal waters from Apalachicola to Ten Thousand Islands Wildlife Refuge.

**Section 2.** That the City of Dunedin supports the Hope Spot Goal of focusing on activities, promoting and supporting education, research, information sharing and sustainable use of our coastal waters.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 16th day of May, 2019.**

  
Julie Ward Bujalski  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Denise M. Kirkpatrick  
City Clerk