RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION TO DESIGNATE 2020 AS THE YEAR TO EMBRACE THE GULF OF MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico is an ocean basin bounded on the north, northeast, and northwest by the United States, and on the southeast by Cuba; and

WHEREAS, forming a vibrant region, the five Gulf states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, contribute immeasurably to the nation’s economy, security, energy, environment, culture, beauty, diversity, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico’s watershed covers more than half the continental United States; all the rivers in Texas drain into the Gulf, which sustains diverse flora and fauna, providing food, shelter, and habitat to marine and estuarine organisms; and

WHEREAS, while supporting the nation’s seafood industry, the Gulf also draws people from across the country and around the world for recreational fishing and all manner of water sports; tourism generates hundreds of billions of dollars each year; and,

WHEREAS, with its combination of commercial activity and natural beauty, the Gulf draws a large population to its thousands of miles of shoreline; one of the most culturally diverse regions in the nation, it is home to millions of residents who embrace a variety of traditions that converge in this unique place; and
WHEREAS, the Gulf region plays a vital role in our nation’s defense and aerospace exploration; moreover, it is crucial to oil, gas, and energy production, as well as import and export trade; if it were a country, the region’s economy would rank among the globe’s top 10; and

WHEREAS, the continued dynamism of the Gulf of Mexico is a matter of tremendous import to the entire nation, and by increasing awareness of the region’s myriad treasures and limitless value, we help ensure a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Chapter of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association does not promote any agency or company that would participate in actions that would have a detrimental impact on the Texas coast environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Chapter of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association recognizes 2020 as “The Year to Embrace the Gulf” and encourage all patrons to join in this observance.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 29th day of October 2019

TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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Jerry A. Mohn, President

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Dan Heilman, Secretary