

## RESOLUTION NO. 16-03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE HISTORICAL RECREATIONAL USE OF SHELL ISLAND AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL REGULATION OR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK CONTRARY TO THE HISTORICAL RECREATIONAL USE OF SHELL ISLAND.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of Springfield recognizes that Springfield residents and visitors have historically enjoyed recreational access to Shell Island;

**WHEREAS**, Shell Island is within easy access for the residents and visitors to Springfield and from the City's public and private marinas and boat launch areas;

**WHEREAS**, Shell Island is a unique natural feature of our area which enhances the quality of life for the citizens and visitors to the City with its 14 miles of snow-white sands, crystal clear and pristine beaches that offer a natural amenity not found near other cities;

**WHEREAS**, Shell Island provides an important economic asset that benefits the City and its tourism industry;

**WHEREAS**, water based activities on St. Andrews Bay and around Shell Island provide an important source of jobs for the City residents and a draw for visitors and new residents to the City;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission appreciates and endorses the need to protect Shell Island's natural resources and encourages the State of Florida to continue to provide recreation and conversation together at the island, but opposes any additional regulation, designation or management authority not already in the current state park management plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA THAT:**

1. The City Commission hereby expresses its support for the continued historical recreational use of Shell Island.
2. The City Commission opposes any additional new regulation, designation or management authority on Shell Island or into its waters not already in the current state park management plan.
3. That the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott in Tallahassee, the Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Jon Steverson, and to the Park Manager for St. Andrews State Park.

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, at its regular meeting, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

By:

  
Ralph Hammond, Mayor

**ATTEST**



Lee Penton, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS**

By:

  
Kevin Obos, City Attorney