

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SHARED AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE ST. MARYS HARBOR, WATERWAYS, AND WATERFRONT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Marys, Georgia was incorporated in 1792 and our founding citizens envisioned a vibrant and energetic City tied to our waterfront; and

**WHEREAS**, since its incorporation in 1792, the Port of the City of St. Marys, Georgia has had a long, positive, productive and viable history dependent upon the river and ocean commerce and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and residents of St. Marys, Georgia have always been welcoming and open to visitors to the community be it for business or pleasure; and

**WHEREAS**, water activities in St. Marys, Georgia include transportation; shipping; recreation; boating; tourism; recreational and commercial fishing and crabbing; boat building; protection of the environment; educational and research activities; and support of the mission and activities of Kings Bay Submarine Base; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Marys, Georgia enjoys a close and cooperative relationship with the States of Georgia and Florida; the Cumberland Island National Seashore; National Park Service; US military, including the US Navy, US Coast Guard and US Marines; and

**WHEREAS**, users of the harbor, waterways and waterfront in St. Marys, Georgia also support the downtown commercial businesses and residential uses; and

**WHEREAS**, visitors and residents are encouraged to be amicable and to responsibly use, share, and enjoy the harbor, waterways and waterfront in St. Marys, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Marys, Georgia is pursuing development of a Maritime Heritage District to protect, promote and manage the waterfront and water side use and economic development of the community's assets for the long-term benefit of all by preserving the historic culture of, and ensuring the responsible use and development of, the St. Marys harbor, waterways and waterfront; and

**WHEREAS**, the positive maritime history of St. Marys, Georgia and its water and waterfront have positively impacted the community, residents, and visitors to St. Marys Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**,



St. Marys, Georgia

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St. Marys, Georgia supports the long-term responsible use and management of the St. Marys harbor, waterways, and waterfront by all businesses, residents and visitors to St. Marys, including the boating community, recreational users, visitors and those who make their livelihood from these waters.

**ADOPTED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Marys on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2013.

City of St. Marys, Georgia

By: \_\_\_\_\_

William T. DeLoughy, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah Walker-Reed, City Clerk