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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A MANATEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the West Indian Manatee has been a protected species in Florida since 1967 and a federally protected species since 1972; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the recovery of this iconic Florida species Charlotte County is endeavoring to develop a Manatee Protection Plan ("Plan") consistent with the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act; and

WHEREAS, such a Plan will balance the protection of the manatee with the interests of boaters and waterfront property owners; and

WHEREAS, to further the development of that Plan, Charlotte County now forms a Manatee Advisory Committee ("Committee") to engage in public outreach, make recommendations as to the necessity of the Plan to the Board of County Commissioners ("Board"), and assist in the development of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

1. Creation. The Manatee Advisory Committee of Charlotte County is hereby created.

2. Term. The Committee and its membership shall exist and serve through the creation of the Manatee Protection Plan and until all approvals are finalized, at which

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time the Committee will sunset with the thanks of the Board and residents of Charlotte County.

3. **Composition.** The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Board. Three (3) of the members shall represent the development community of Charlotte County, three (3) members shall come from local environmental advocacy groups, and three (3) members shall represent the local fishing and boating community. Any vacancies which occur during the term of the Committee shall be filled by the Board and members may be removed by majority vote of the Board with or without cause at any time.

4. **Conduct.** The Committee may conduct its meetings pursuant to the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order. At all times a quorum of the membership is required to conduct any business and public input must be allowed.

5. **Duties.** The Committee shall with assistance of professional staff make recommendations to the Board and assist in the development of a Plan. The Committee shall engage in public outreach and comment as well as seek the input of other governmental agencies in the development of that Plan. The Board shall provide the Committee with adequate staff and resources necessary to accomplish the Committee's mission.

2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board.

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PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 9 day of February, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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