



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, DONATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT HIGHLAND BEACH SEA TURTLE TEAM, INC. A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, incorporated in April 2023, dedicated to the conservation and protection of sea turtles along the beachfront of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc. encompass the marking and management of all sea turtle activity in the designated area, public education on the protection of threatened and endangered species of sea turtles, and the execution of these tasks under the auspices of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) permit no. 100; and

WHEREAS, Highland Beach Sea Turtle Tea, Inc. maintains a committed team of up to 25 volunteers, each listed on the FWC permit, who contribute their time and effort toward the conservation efforts, ensuring the meticulous collection and reporting of all relevant data to the FWC; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc. align with the environmental conservation and community education values held by the Town of Highland Beach, signifying a mutual interest in the safeguarding of our natural resources and the promotion of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2023, the Town Commission approved a \$2,500.00 contribution in support of Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The Town Commission hereby agrees to donate \$2,500.00 annually to Highland Beach Sea Turtle, Inc. as a gesture of support for their commendable work in the conversation of sea turtles and their habitats along with the Town beachfront, if funding is available in the Town Commission budget.

Section 2. The Town's donation is made with the intention of assisting the Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc. in their ongoing projects related to the tracking, protection, and public education concerning sea turtles, thereby contributing to the broader goal of wildlife conversation and environmental stewardship.

Section 3. The Town of Highland Beach commits to fostering a relationship of support and collaboration with Highland Beach Sea Turtle Team, Inc., aiming to further the cause of

environmental conversation and public education on the significance of protecting endangered species, including sea turtles.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, this **16th** day of **April** 2024.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

**REVIEWED FOR LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY**

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney
Town of Highland Beach

VOTES:

YES NO

Mayor Natasha Moore
Vice Mayor David Stern
Commissioner Evalyn David
Commissioner Donald Peters
Commissioner Judith Goldberg