

RESOLUTION #R-031323-5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS EXPRESSING
ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DEEPENING AND WIDENING PROJECT OF THE
MATAGORDA BAY SHIP CHANNEL**

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, the Calhoun County Commissioner's Court unanimously passed a resolution expressing its support for the deepening and widening project of the Matagorda Bay Ship Channel; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca concurs with this resolution adopted by the Calhoun County Commissioner's Court; and

WHEREAS, the Matagorda Ship Channel is currently ranked by the Coast Guard's Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) as the 3rd most dangerous ship channel in the United States, with the most dangerous currents (US Coast Guard 2001); and

WHEREAS, the deepening and widening of the ship channel will also provide for repair and rebuilding of the jetties which will make the channel safer for vessels and reduce the risk of accidents which might put the environmental integrity of Matagorda Bay at risk; and

WHEREAS, Chester Island, which is home to various water birds, such as the brown pelican and roseate spoonbill, will greatly benefit from the dredge spoils of this project with planned coordination between local members of the National Audubon Society and the Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the deepening and widening project will have a large economic impact on the entire region and provide a positive environmental impact to Matagorda and Lavaca Bays with improvements to oyster beds, bird habitat and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca is the closest city to the Calhoun Port Authority with major retail businesses and hotels and will receive a great economic boost from this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT the City of Port Lavaca does hereby express its support for the deepening and widening project of the Matagorda Bay Ship Channel.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2023.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

Jerry Smith, Councilman Dist. #1

Tim Dent, Councilman Dist. #2

Allen Tippit, Councilman Dist. #3

Rosie Padron, Councilwoman Dist. #4

Jim Ward, Councilman Dist. #5

Kenneth Barr, Councilman Dist. #6