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March 25, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ernest Brown, Natural Resources Management Director

RE: Item III.A.1., Resolution Recognizing Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 24, 2009, adopted Resolution recognizing the first annual Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest tentatively scheduled to be held from May 8, 2009 through May 17, 2009; and authorized the Brevard Marine Advisory Council (BMAC) Members to support and participate in organizing the associated events. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tamara Ricard, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

cc: BMAC Members

RESOLUTION

Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Marine Advisory Council, established by the Board of County Commissioners on November 9, 1999, is charged with providing recommendations and guidance to the Board of County Commissioners on marine related issues to insure a well-maintained, safe, healthy and friendly marine environment for the residents and visiting users of our marine resources; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard Marine Advisory Council also serves in a public relations role to the general public focusing on environmental concerns, educational needs, commercial activities, boating safety, navigational information, and an ongoing review of existing marine programs around the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the #1 destination for marine recreation in the United States, with Brevard County currently supporting over 35,000 registered vessels and recreational expenditures on the Indian River Lagoon generating approximately \$14 million annually in tax revenues, and

WHEREAS, the creation of the **Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest** will help to publicize and promote Brevard County's waterways and its diversity of water-based activities thereby increasing residents' and visitors' knowledge of environmental, educational and recreational opportunities and issues, and

WHEREAS, the Brevard Marine Advisory Council is an ideal entity to represent the Board's interests by supporting and participating in the organization and implementation of the maritime activities of **Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest**. These events will further the Board's goals of strengthening the local water-dependent economy and promoting sound stewardship of our shared resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby authorize

THE BREVARD MARINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

to support and participate in the organization and implementation of the first annual **Space Coast Boating Week and Waterfest**, scheduled for the week of May 8, 2009 with the ISAF Grade 4 International Sailboat Match Race and the Annual Brevard Challenge Sailboat Race as the beginning and ending events and including other water-based events and informational activities during the week.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this twenty fourth day of March, two-thousand nine A.D.



CHUCK NELSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:


SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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