



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 11, 2023

DATE: April 4, 2023
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Resolution to Support the Sea Turtle Science & Recovery Program

CAPTION:

Resolution of the Corpus Christi City Council supporting the Sea Turtle Science and Recovery Program at Padre Island National Seashore.

SUMMARY:

This resolution indicates the City Council's support for the National Parks Service (NPS) to continue and expand the Sea Turtle Science and Recovery Program at Padre Island National Seashore.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery at Padre Island National Seashore is the only division of its kind in the entire National Park system. The program focuses on the five sea turtle species - Kemp's ridley, green, loggerhead, hawksbill, and leatherback – of which all are federally listed as threatened or endangered. The program conducts scientific research on sea turtles, conducts activities that help protect, conserve, and recover sea turtle populations, and promotes public awareness of and support for sea turtles and their conservation through education. Additionally, more Kemp's ridley sea turtles nest at Padre Island National Seashore than at any other location in the United States.

In recent years, the National Parks Service reduced funding to the program, and many members of Corpus Christi community are concerned about the program's future. The City Council can provide the National Parks Service with a resolution in support of the program.

ALTERNATIVES:

None considered.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agenda Memo – Sea Turtle Program
Resolution – Sea Turtle Program