RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE ANNUALLY SET ASIDE A PORTION OF THE STATE GULF OF MEXICO ENERGY SECURITY ACT (GOMESA) FUNDS FOR TEXAS COASTAL CITIES AND CONTINUE TO FULLY FUND THE COASTAL EROSION PROTECTION RESPONSE ACT (CEPRA) PROGRAM WITH STATE REVENUES.

WHEREAS, the Texas coast and its diverse economy provide significant economic, recreational, and spiritual benefits to the all people of Texas and state investment in the coastal region is critical to the future of this great state; and

WHEREAS, Texas barrier islands are experiencing significant erosion and storms, wetlands degradation, and habitat loss which threatens public beach access, reduces tourism, drives down state and local tax revenues, and damages public and private infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Texas coast is threatened by increasingly intense storms, putting our coastal communities and businesses at greater risk of damage and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the federal Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 instituted a royalty revenue-sharing program derived from federal offshore oil and gas activities to the direct benefit of the state of Texas and Texas coastal counties; and

WHEREAS, the GOMESA Phase II payment to the State of Texas for FY 2017 is approximately $40.5 million and payments to the State will continue annually to the year 2055, with the maximum state payment of $100 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the guaranteed cumulative GOMESA Phase II payments to Texas coastal counties for FY 2017 is approximately $10.1 million and the county payments will continue annually to the year 2055; and

WHEREAS, federal GOMESA provisions unjustly exclude Texas coastal cities from any direct payment, defining "political subdivision" to mean, 'the local political jurisdiction immediately below the level of State government, including counties, parishes, and boroughs; and

WHEREAS, certain coastal cities of Texas are responsible for compliance with and/or implementation of the Texas Open Beaches Act of 1959, the Dune Protection Act, and Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA); and

WHEREAS, funding support for Texas coastal cities to meet State-mandated coastal program responsibilities is inadequate, creating financial stress and hardships on these cities; and

WHEREAS, State GOMESA funds administered through the General Land Office are suitable for and critical to carrying out state-mandated programs for Texas coastal cities within the Coastal Management Program boundary; and

WHEREAS, the set-aside of State GOMESA funds for Texas coastal cities would protect and benefit coastal counties who can then use their annual GOMESA funds for county priorities without competing financial demand from coastal cities.

NOW THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE AND BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION:

1. That the State of Texas and the Texas General Land Office should set aside for Texas coastal cities each year a cumulative amount of funds from the State's annual GOMESA payment equal to the total annual GOMESA revenues awarded to all Texas coastal counties; and

2. That the set-aside of State GOMESA revenues for Texas coastal cities be distributed on a fair and reasonable basis to Texas coastal cities or entities such as a park board with direct responsibility to implement CEPRA, the Dune Protection Act, and/or the Texas Open Beaches Act; and

3. That the Texas General Land Office and Texas Legislature should seek to fully fund CEPRA or other existing State-created coastal programs with State revenues rather than shifting federal GOMESA funds to these programs; and

4. That Texas General Land Office support and be consistent with federal GOMESA laws and regulations allowing city and county GOMESA funds to be used as match for other federal grant programs.

PASSED AND APPROVED this Fourteenth (14th) day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Huerta City Secretary Corpus Christi, Texas	Joe McComb Mayor

On the Twenty first (21st) of August, 2018.
The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Joe McComb _____

Rudy Garza _____

Paulette Guajardo _____

Michael Hunter _____

Debbie Lindsey-Opel _____

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Approved As To Form:

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Lisa Aguilar
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