

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20021080**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

“National Estuaries Day” Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

9:30 #1

3. MEETING DATE:

10-01-2002

4. AGENDA:

_____ CONSENT
_____ ADMINISTRATIVE
_____ APPEALS
 PUBLIC
_____ WALK ON
_____ TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

_____ STATUTE
_____ ORDINANCE
_____ ADMIN. CODE
_____ OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Albion
B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
C. DIVISION _____
BY: _____

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

_____ APPROVED
_____ DENIED
_____ DEFERRED
_____ OTHER



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RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Charlotte Harbor was designated as an "estuary of national significance" in 1995 and accepted into the National Estuary Program, one of four in the State of Florida and one of only 28 in the entire United States and
- Whereas: The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, a partnership of citizens, elected officials, resource managers and commercial and recreational resource users who are working to improve the water quality and ecological integrity of the Greater Charlotte Harbor Watershed, jointly developed and approved a *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan* for the Charlotte Harbor Watershed in February 2000; and
- Whereas: Estuaries are unique environments where rivers meet the sea, are vital components to the world's ecosystem, serve as nursery grounds for the majority of commercial and recreational fish and shellfish consumed by Americans as well as improve water quality by filtering pollutants, act as buffers to protect shorelines from erosion and flooding, and provide essential food and habitat for birds, fish and other wildlife; and
- Whereas: National Estuaries Day is a time to celebrate the importance of estuaries; and
- Whereas: Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program will celebrate National Estuaries Day over a one month period with its program partners offering wading trips, guided walks, paddling events, boat tours, marine exhibits and other programs; and
- Whereas: Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program will be one of eight estuaries featured in a two-day live broadcast on October 3 and 4 known as *Estuaries Live!*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby support the designation of October 5, 2002 as

NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY

and urges the general public to recognize the importance of this important natural resource.

Duly Executed this 1st day of October 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman