

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20031035**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present National Estuaries Day Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

**9:30 #1**

3. MEETING DATE:

**09-16-03**

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 Judah  
B. DEPARTMENT County Commission  
C. DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

BY: *Judah*  
*Hyatt*

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



LEE COUNTY  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

***The Board of County Commissioners***

**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 interactive field trip on September 25 and 26 known as *Estuaries Live!*

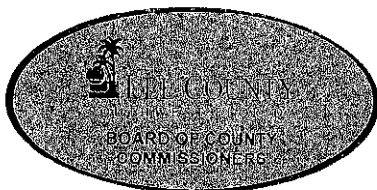
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby support the designation of September 27, 2003 as

**NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY**

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

Duly Executed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Chairman