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CITY OF SANIBEL

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WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Lee County have joined in a cooperative effort and have sought qualified scientific proposals to assist the City of Sanibel and other interested parties in the Red Drift Algae Research Project to investigate critical factors of red algae blooms including where the algae is growing, what species are involved, where the nutrients that feed the blooms originate, the details of the algae biology and growth cycle, the factors that dictate the movements of the algae in the water column, and an analysis of the decaying algae on beaches, including the breakdown by-products of such algae; and

WHEREAS, Florida Gulf Coast University has been selected to conduct such Red Drift Algae Research Project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the research project will extend over a two (2) year period and will have a total partnership budget of approximately \$769,083, paid in equal parts by the City of Sanibel, Lee County, the Lee County Tourism Development Council and the West Coast Inland Navigation District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council feels it is essential that all appropriate contracts be developed and executed at the earliest possible date; and

WHEREAS, the City has appropriated by separate resolution its one-quarter (1/4) share of the projects costs in the amount of \$192,272;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Red Drift Algae Research Project contract(s) on behalf of the City of Sanibel, provided such contracts are in accordance with the recitals set forth above in this Resolution, as well as the request for qualifications scope of services established to select the entity to perform the Red Drift Algae Research Project and resulting in the selection of Florida Gulf Coast University. The City Council finds that such authorization is appropriate, necessary and in the public's best interest to facilitate the start of the Red Drift Algae Research Project at the earliest possible date.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 15th day of January, 2008.

AUTHENTICATION:

Mick Denham, Mayor

Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth B. Cuyler
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney

1/9/08
Date

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