



## **Resolution of Appreciation American Bird Conservancy**

WHEREAS, American Bird Conservancy is dedicated to conserving wild birds and their habitats throughout the Americas; and

WHEREAS, American Bird Conservancy places an emphasis on achieving results and working in partnership to take on the greatest problems facing birds today, innovating and building on rapid advancements in science to halt extinctions, protect habitats, eliminate threats and build capacity for bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years of fearlessness and persistence, the American Bird Conservancy mission statement is closer to reality: “An Americas’ wide landscape where diverse interests collaborate to ensure that native bird species and their habitats are protected ... where their protection is valued by society ... and where they are routinely considered in all land-use and policy decision-making”; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board of Trustees’ mission is to promote Galveston Island, its natural resources and attractions, and heritage; to attract visitors to Galveston Island; and to assure that Galveston’s assets, for which the Board of Trustees is responsible, provide visitors and residents with exemplary experiences in an environment that is safe, clean, accessible, fun, and environmentally sensitive; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board of Trustees believes in the effectiveness of partnerships with likeminded organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board of Trustees, in partnership with the City of Galveston and the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council, is dedicated to the development of the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve, based on the three foundational pillars; Conservation, Outdoor Recreation and Education; and

WHEREAS, R.A. Apffel Park and Big Reef, with habitats ranging from sandy beach to upland prairie and black mangrove lined tidal wetlands, home to several nesting bird species, gulls, terns, skimmers and pelicans, play host annually to the FeatherFest birding tours that focus on spring migration;

And whereas, American Bird Conservancy has given freely of professional expertise, time and resources to the development R.A. Apffel Park and the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve,



And whereas these donations of professional expertise, time and resources have benefitted the Park Board's management of land through improved stewardship, increased environmental information and the implementation of policies and procedures,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THE GALVESTON PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Expresses its appreciation for the partnership and technical expertise of the American Bird Conservancy whose tireless efforts and input have improved the Park Board's land management, policies and procedures.

ATTEST:

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Spencer Priest, Chair  
Park Board of Trustees

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