

**Resolution 2020 - 13**

**A Resolution in Support of the City of New Castle's Application to the Delaware Coastal Programs for its Resilient Community Partnership**

**WHEREAS**, the City successfully engaged with the Delaware Coastal Programs (DCP) in 2018 in completion of the City of New Castle Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan which included over 30 potential mitigation actions or activities, and

**WHEREAS**, performing a study to determine the potential impacts to the City's ecosystems resulting from various sea level rise scenarios was among the Plan recommendations, and

**WHEREAS**, such a study will evaluate the ability of coastal wetlands and marsh areas to absorb flood waters and determine how the City and/or State can implement a wetland restoration program to increase the City's overall sea level rise adaptive capacity, and

**WHEREAS**, the City, its residents and businesses will benefit from preservation and enhancement of the existing marsh and wetland areas which may lessen the need for more structural measures and provide ancillary benefits such as wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, water filtration, groundwater storage and floodwater attenuation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of New Castle hereby supports the Application to the Delaware Coastal Programs for its Resilient Community Partnership.

**PASSED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

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Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

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Russell P. Smith Councilperson

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Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

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Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk