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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-22-0013

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH CALLING ON THE U.S.
5 CONGRESS AND THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
6 PROTECTION AGENCY TO TAKE ALL MEASURES
7 NECESSARY TO PREVENT FURTHER HARM TO
8 NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE, AND CITIZENS FROM
9 THE DDT WASTE DUMPED IN THE WATERS BETWEEN
10 LONG BEACH AND SANTA CATALINA ISLAND; AND
11 RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY JOINT
12 RESOLUTION 2, FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE
13 ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
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15 WHEREAS, dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) is a toxic pesticide that
16 was banned in 1972 due to it causing a number of environmental problems, including
17 harming wildlife, such as sea lions, brown pelicans, California condors, dolphins, and
18 other birds and fish; and

19 WHEREAS, the nation's largest manufacturer of DDT was based in Los
20 Angeles; and

21 WHEREAS, a Superfund site was declared off the coast of the Palos
22 Verdes Peninsula when it was discovered that the company disposed toxic waste through
23 the sewage pipes that poured into the ocean; and

24 WHEREAS, little was known about the company's barging of additional
25 barrels of toxic waste out to sea to dispose of the waste, and a more recent Los Angeles
26 Times investigation, based on the work of local scientists, estimates that as many as half
27 a million barrels of toxic waste from DDT could be underwater in the waterway between
28 Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island; and

1 WHEREAS, this recently discovered barrel dumpsite far exceeds, by as
2 much as forty (40) times greater, the amount of DDT in the previously identified
3 Superfund site off the coast of the Palos Verdes Peninsula; and

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Joint Resolution 2, authored by Assemblyman
5 Patrick O'Donnell and filed with the Secretary of State on September 17, 2021, requests
6 that the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) take all
7 measures necessary to prevent further damage to California's citizens, wildlife, and
8 natural resources by the DDT waste dumped in the waters near Santa Catalina Island;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein has also called the dumped
11 DDT a public health hazard, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has
12 approved a motion by Supervisor Janice Hahn urging the EPA to assess the DDT
13 damage and expedite clean-up; and

14 WHEREAS, as Long Beach has a thriving coastal economy, and as it is
15 important that we support efforts to protect our region's natural resources and wildlife,
16 Long Beach must add its voice to call on Congress and the EPA to give the highest
17 attention to addressing this marine contamination, the magnitude of which previously was
18 not fully realized;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
20 follows:

21 Section 1. The City of Long Beach hereby calls on the United States
22 Congress and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to take all measures
23 necessary to prevent further harm to natural resources, wildlife, and citizens from the
24 DDT waste dumped in the waters between Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island, and
25 further recognizes and supports Assembly Joint Resolution 2, filed with the Secretary of
26 State on September 17, 2021.

27 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
28 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of February 1, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw,
Mungo, Saro, Uranga, Austin,
Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.



City Clerk