

RESOLUTION NO. RES-06-0011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING
EXISTING FEDERAL PROTECTION FOR ENDANGERED
SPECIES

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is “blessed with a wealth of natural
resources, including rivers, wetlands, ocean and beaches” according to the City of Long
Beach Strategic Plan– 2010; and

WHEREAS, tourists and residents alike enjoy and benefit from our natural
resources, to the benefit of our local and State economy; and

WHEREAS, our natural resources provide homes for endangered species
such as the Peregrine Falcon, the California Brown Pelican, the California Least Tern,
and the White Abalone which populate our harbor and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has demonstrated its respect and
concern for the protection of wildlife habitat in such projects as the El Dorado Park
Nature Center and the Colorado Lagoon Wetland and Marine Science Education
Project, which provide an urban home to many native and migratory species of wildlife,
as well as educational opportunities for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 expanded upon prior
endangered species laws, seeking to stop the extinction of many species of wild
animals and plants by applying sound and adequate methods of scientific review to
development and restoration decisions; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Endangered Species Act of 1973,
many species have been prevented from being endangered or extinct, through habitat
protection and restoration; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 is

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1 threatened by proposed legislation, such as the "Threatened and Endangered Species
2 Recovery Act of 2005" which, as presently drafted, repeals the authority of the
3 Secretary of the Interior to designate critical habitats, and

4 WHEREAS, the proposed legislation, as presently drafted, would change
5 the methods by which species are determined to be endangered, weaken the role of
6 science in development decisions and remove or reduce pesticide restrictions;

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8 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
9 as follows:

10 Section 1. The City of Long Beach hereby opposes the "Threatened
11 and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005" and any other legislation which would
12 reduce, weaken or eliminate existing federal environmental protections for threatened
13 or endangered species.

14 Sec. 2. The City of Long Beach supports the maintenance of no less than
15 the present levels of protection for threatened or endangered species and their habitats,
16 as provided for in the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

17 Sec. 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to
18 the members of the California delegation to the United States House of
19 Representatives and the United States Senate, to the chairs of the appropriate
20 committees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and to other officials,
21 agencies, entities, and individuals as may be deemed appropriate by the City Manager.

22 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
23 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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25 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
26 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of February 14, 2006, by

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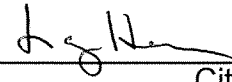
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1 the following vote:

2 Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Colonna, O'Donnell,
3 Kell, Richardson, Reyes Uranga,
4 Gabelich, Lerch.

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6 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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8 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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