

**Sponsored by: Councilmembers Richardson and Manzie**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE MILE CREEK  
COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*The Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Three Mile Creek Watershed, located within the cities of Mobile and Prichard and unincorporated areas of Mobile County, Alabama, was prepared by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, and other concerned community leaders with interest in the long-term viability of this area. In agreement with the spirit and goals of this plan, and acknowledging the environmental and economic importance and value of this watershed, a call for intergovernmental cooperation is necessary to successfully achieve this restoration and conservation program.*

**Whereas**, the Three Mile Creek Watershed, located on the northern edge of the City of Mobile and draining portions of the City of Prichard and part of the unincorporated area of Mobile County, Alabama, drains 19,237 acres and contributes to the health and vitality of its receiving waters in the Mobile River and Mobile Bay, and

**Whereas** the landscape of this watershed ranges from gently rolling terrain in headwaters downstream to low coastal plains, tidal marshes, and historic wooded wetlands, and

**Whereas** the landscape of this watershed has undergone extensive commercial and residential development resulting in 37% impervious cover, and

**Whereas** conversion of the natural landscape to impervious cover may cause increases in volume and velocity of stormwater runoff in this watershed, the parties seek to decrease flooding; deter non-point source pollution that include trash and litter, pathogens, and nutrients; channel erosion; degraded habitats and infrastructure; and preserve the tributaries and creeks that ultimately flow into Mobile Bay, and

**Whereas** two tributaries in this Watershed – Toulmin Springs Branch and an unnamed tributary to Three Mile Creek – are listed on the 2014 Alabama 303(d) list for impairment by nutrients, and

**Whereas** total maximum daily loads for pathogens and organic enrichment/low dissolved oxygen have been approved by U.S. EPA for Toulmin Springs Branch and an unnamed tributary to Three Mile, and

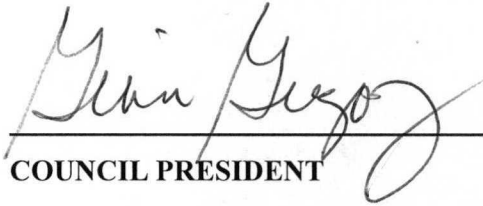
**Whereas**, a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Three Mile Creek Watershed, co-funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, and Mobile County, and completed in September, 2014, provides evaluations of problems within this watershed and recommends conceptual corrective measures to address them,

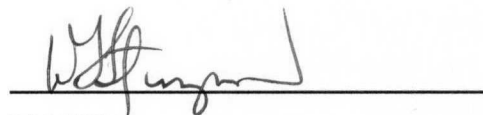
**Now, therefore be it resolved by the legislative body of the City of Mobile, Alabama** that it endorses the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Three Mile Creek Watershed, and

**Be it further resolved that the City of Mobile**, willingly agrees to participate on the Three Mile Creek Intergovernmental Task Force to focus on implementation of specific measures and actions contained in the watershed management plan.

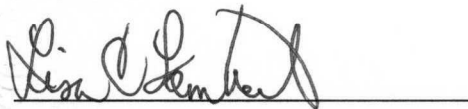
ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2015.

CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA  
AN ALABAMA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK,