

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 2019

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 8TH, 2019 AS WORLD OCEANS DAY

WHEREAS, World Oceans Day (June 8th) offers an invitation to remember the very beginnings of life on Earth, along with the many benefits we presently enjoy and the ongoing critical role of the oceans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, This day has been celebrated internationally ever since 1992 and was officially declared in 2009, by the United Nations as "World Oceans Day,"; and

WHEREAS, This international celebration has grown from a ripple into a wave of awareness connecting the importance of our oceans to the lands we live on, creating an opportunity to better understand our connection to fresh and salt water environments and what we can do to protect and keep waterways and marine environments healthy and productive; and

WHEREAS, English explorer Bartholomew Gosnold first investigated New Bedford's harbor on May 31, 1602, New Bedford was originally part of Dartmouth which the General Court of Plymouth County incorporated on June 8, 1664, New Bedford's town charter was granted in 1787, and the City of New Bedford was incorporated in 1847, for more than 400 years New Bedford's seafaring port has played a significant part in the development and growth of America; and

WHEREAS, New Bedford's strong maritime history creates a natural connection to and concern for the livelihood of our oceans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The recognition and proclamation of World Oceans Day will help encourage many interests and sectors to work together, advancing practical and proven methods to protect our oceans:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby recognizes and proclaims **JUNE 8th** as **WORLD OCEANS DAY**, and celebrates it as a means to foster support for local, national, and global efforts which further awareness of our oceans, their sustainable development and stewardship, and the marine life initiatives that help secure the Oceans viability for our common future.