

RESOLUTION NO. 1081-19

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF KEWAUNEE
CITY OF KEWAUNEE**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY IN WISCONSIN'S
MID-LAKE REGION AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF KEWAUNEE COUNTY'S
COASTAL AREAS**

WHEREAS, the natural resources in the Mid-Lake region of Lake Michigan, including the coastal areas of Kewaunee County, are part of a rich, biodiverse ecosystem that supports one of the largest spawning populations of indigenous lake trout and serves as an important flyway for migratory birds that traverse Canada, the U.S., and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Lake region of Lake Michigan contains an extraordinary collection of nationally significant shipwrecks including 15 shipwrecks listed on the National Register of Historic Places including two additional shipwrecks on the National Register of Historic Places in Kewaunee County's coastal waters (the American and the Daniel Lyons) and more than 30 other documented Kewaunee coastal shipwrecks in total; and

WHEREAS, the architectural integrity and accessibility (nearly one-quarter of the documented shipwrecks are in less than 20 feet of water), of many of these shipwrecks makes the Mid-Lake region of Lake Michigan an outstanding choice for a new National Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, a National Marine Sanctuary would be invaluable in telling the cultural history of the Mid-Lake region including human settlement patterns, shipbuilding, commercial fishing, lumbering, mining and maritime transportation; and

WHEREAS, a National Maritime Sanctuary would support and enhance local, state, regional and national and international tourism as one of the key economic drivers of the Mid-Lake region; and

WHEREAS, a National Marine Sanctuary that includes Kewaunee County would build upon the nationally known sport fishing industry in Kewaunee County, the recently approved Kewaunee Harbor and Pierhead Lighthouse restoration project and the walkway project connecting the Pierhead Lighthouse to the Ahnapee Trail; and

WHEREAS, a new Lake Michigan Marine Sanctuary would support and promote a wide range of youth and adult educational activities and enhance the cultural and historical understanding of this region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Kewaunee that the City of Kewaunee Common Council earnestly supports the nomination to NOAA of a National Marine Sanctuary in the Mid-Lake region of Lake Michigan and encourages NOAA

to consider inclusion of Kewaunee County's coastal areas in this marine sanctuary designation.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Alderman Schiller and seconded by Alderman Jelinek who moved its adoption and vote on acceptance was recorded as follows:

For: 7 Against: - Abstain: -

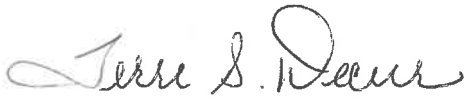
The Mayor then declared this resolution passed this 9th day of December, 2019.

CITY OF KEWAUNEE



Sandra C. Christman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Terri S. Decur, Clerk/Treasurer