

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana works to protect, restore, and responsibly manage the state's Lake Michigan Coastal resources as part of a network of 33 other coastal states and territories through the Coastal Zone Management Program and this year marks the tenth anniversary of the Coastal Program; and
- WHEREAS, in Indiana, the Lake Michigan coastal region includes 45 miles of shoreline, the greatest number of Indiana's rare and threatened plant and animal species, the federally endangered Karner Blue Butterfly, and approximately 32,000 acres of parkland preserving Indiana's natural heritage, including Indiana Dunes State Park, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and 22 dedicated Nature Preserves; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana's coastal region includes more than 240 square miles of southern Lake Michigan, to which the State has devoted significant resources to rehabilitate the fish communities, resulting in a world-class trout, salmon and near-shore fishery and a promising future for the Lake Michigan fish community through cooperative efforts; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 12 percent of Hoosiers live in the coastal region, more than 3 million people visit Indiana's 23 miles of Lake Michigan beaches annually, and boating and fishing enthusiasts have access to over 30 marinas and public fishing sites on Lake Michigan and its tributaries; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana's Lake Michigan Coastal Program, along with local community initiatives and non-profit partners, is working to preserve this natural and cultural gem for the children of tomorrow through a joint investment of \$20 million towards 220 projects during the life of the Coastal Program;
- WHEREAS, Lake Michigan ports and harbors link Indiana to markets in the Great Lakes and the world; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2012 as

COASTAL AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 28th
day of March in the year of our
Lord 2012 and of the Independence
of the United States 236.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.