

RESOLUTION 23-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SCARBOROUGH, MAINE, SUPPORTING
THE CONCEPT OF 30X30 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE AT LEAST
30 PERCENT OF LAND AND WATER BY 2030**

WHEREAS, the 30x30 campaign is a national science-based initiative to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and inland waters and 30 percent of U.S. oceans by the year 2030; and,

WHEREAS, this campaign was launched to address our climate crisis and reverse the destruction of our wildlife, waters and natural places; and,

WHEREAS, the 30x30 campaign is an ambitious effort to accelerate conservation, which will rely on efforts by federal, state, local, and Tribal governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, hunters, anglers, recreation users and other key stakeholders to identify and implement collaborative strategies; and,

WHEREAS, scientists warn that conserving and restoring at least 30 percent of lands and waters is the minimum we must achieve if we hope to preserve biodiversity and ecosystems and mitigate the impacts of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, our natural places provide us with food supplies and clean drinking water, boost our economies, and offer us a wide range of health benefits; and,

WHEREAS, wilderness, wildlife refuges, national conservation lands, monuments and other conserved places provide access for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping and other outdoor recreation pursuits; and,

WHEREAS, conserved private lands, including working forests and farms, protect open spaces, preserve threatened wildlife and help maintain Maine's way of life; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has established a goal to increase by 2030 the total acreage of conserved lands in the state to 30% through voluntary, focused purchases of land and working forest or farm conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, the Conservation Commission believes it is imperative that the Town conserve at least 30 percent of its land by 2030 and to establish a coordinated and formal plan of action to achieve such goal.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

We, the Town Council of Scarborough, Maine, establish our support for the 30x30 initiative and science-based, locally-led effort to conserve at least 30 percent of Scarborough's land by 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Scarborough, Maine calls on all levels of government to increase the tools and resources available to achieve locally-driven collaborative conservation and to facilitate such efforts among all partners to achieve this goal.

Resolved:

/s/ Chairman Jonathan E. Anderson

/s/ Councilor April V. Sither

/s/ Councilor Jean-Marie Caterina

/s/Councilor John R. Cloutier

/s/ Councilor Karin B. Shupe

/s/ Councilor Donald R. Hamill

/s/ Councilor Nicholas S. McGee