



# PROCLAMATION

## “July 2010 - Marine Debris Removal Month”

**WHEREAS**, Marine Cleanup Initiative, Inc. has worked tirelessly for nine years to save our wildlife and our waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, fishing line, six-pack rings, and other marine debris kills birds, sea turtles, crustaceans, and marine animals. In addition, debris fouls boat propellers and causes engines to overheat; and

**WHEREAS**, scuba divers, boaters, paddlers and others participating in aquatic activities remove nets and fishing line from ship wrecks, reefs, jetties and wherever such debris is spotted; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone participating in aquatic activities is asked to look for and remove fishing line, nets, packing bands, six-pack rings and all other debris that is hazardous to marine and other wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities and counties provide support when possible by hauling collected debris to appropriate locations; recycling fishing line and other debris when possible or securing it in bags so that birds will not use it for nesting; and

**WHEREAS**, ropes, nets and large debris can be dragged up and beyond the ocean and gulf tide line until permanent removal;

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Richard H. Gillmor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Sebastian do hereby proclaim the month of July 2010, as

### “Marine Debris Removal Month”

and encourage the citizens of Florida to participate with debris removal along our shores.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sebastian, Florida, to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.



  
Richard H. Gillmor, Mayor