The County of Barnstable

A Proclamation

Whereas, the Cape Cod Region has had three Shark encounters with humans in the past two years, with one resulting in death; and

Whereas, the Cape Cod gray seal population has grown exponentially over the last two decades; and Whereas, Great White Sharks prey on Gray Seals in the Cape Cod coastal region; and Whereas, Gray Seal and Great White Shark encounters are a public health and safety concern and through increased education and awareness, the risk of an encounter can be minimized;

Therefore, the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners on this thirty-first day of July, A.D. 2019 do hereby officially designate the month of August 2019, as "Cape Cod Gray Seal and Great White Shark Awareness Month" in the County of Barnstable, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In witness whereof, we set our hands and Cause the seal of this County to be affixed.

RONALD BERGSTROM, CHAIR

MARY PAT FEYNN, VICE-CHAIR

RONALD R. BEATY, COMMISSIONER