RESOLUTION 2023-04

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO RECOGNIZE GORDON WHEELER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, on May 13th, the 10th annual Wild Dunes Men's Golf Association Charity Golf Event and Auction benefiting the Prostate Cancer Foundation will be held; and

WHEREAS, the support for this tournament has been steadily increasing over a decade, becoming the largest single private fundraiser benefiting Prostate Cancer Foundation; and

WHEREAS, over the past nine years, this event has raised more than \$820,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this year's event could raise \$1 million, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who also serves on the national Prostate Cancer Foundation board who has agreed to match whatever the tournament raises this year; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Wheeler, this year's honoree, is a local artist who has supported the golf event over the past several years by making sizable contributions of original art custom-made for the event and hosting fundraiser events; and

WHEREAS, as an avid golfer, Wheeler combined his love of painting with his love of golf and was selected to paint the official prints and posters for the PGA when the 1991 Ryder Cup was played on the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island and has painted for numerous other PGA golf tournaments across the country; and

WHEREAS, his golf art is highly sought after and collected worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler has also enlisted members of Bulls Bay Golf to join the Wild Dunes Men's Golf Association to try to break the 2022 record of \$300,000 raised to fight prostate cancer and more than 40 Bulls Bay members have committed to the fundraising effort; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council, in meeting duly assembled, hereby recognizes Gordon Wheeler for this efforts, generosity and commitment to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.

Phillip Pounds, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk