

RESOLUTION 2023-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES,
INDIANA TO DECLARE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK,
FEBRUARY 20-26, 2023**

WHEREAS, invasive aquatic, riparian, and terrestrial species influence the biodiversity of natural resources in the Town of Ogden Dunes and surrounding National Park and Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the costs to prevent, monitor, and control invasive species combined with the costs to crop damage, fisheries, forests, and other resources cost the U.S. \$120 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, after habitat destruction, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals, and interfere with ecosystem functions by changing processes like fire, nutrient flow and flooding; and

WHEREAS, invasive species are a significant threat to almost half of all native species currently listed as federally endangered; and

WHEREAS, invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, obstruct outdoor recreation, endanger human health, and are becoming increasingly harder to control as a result of rapid global commercialization and human travel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES:

That February 20-26, 2023 is declared to be National Invasive Species Awareness Week and residents are hereby encouraged to participate in order to promote knowledge and understanding of the threats posed by invasive species.

That the town strongly encourages residents to plant native plants, shrubs and trees that have evolved to thrive in this area, noted on a listing on the town website developed by the Environmental Advisory Board in consultation with the National Park Service and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

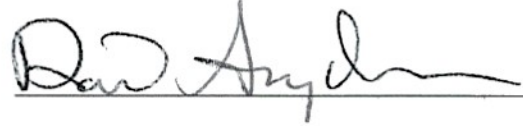
That the town asks residents to adhere to Indiana law on invasive species, and to not purchase, plant or trade any of the species listed on the following website:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XWtXDlrBKAd486-uxcExB0YawlzBixVX/view>


That in addition to the banned species, residents also consider not planting species that are also harmful to the environment, including ornamental pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana*) that go by names such as Bradford Pear and Cleveland Select Pear, and other hybrids; as well as any form of Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*).

ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Ogden Dunes Town Council this
the 6th day of February, 2023.

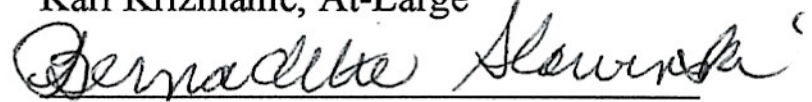
OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL



Dave Snyder, At-Large



Karl Krizmanic, At-Large



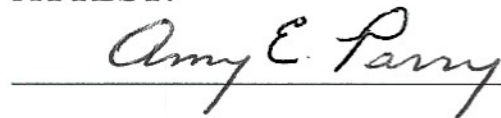
Bernadette Slawinski, Central Ward

John Hannon, Southern Ward



Scott Kingan, Northern Ward, President

ATTEST:



Amy Parry, Clerk-Treasurer