## PROCLAMATION

## Of the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland Recognizing Keith Pardieck

**WHEREAS**, Keith Pardieck was born in 1966, graduated with a BS in Biology in 1989 and an MS in Environmental Science in 1995 from Indiana University; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Pardieck's career in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service started as a Field Biologist in Puerto Rico and progressed to this current position as Supervising Wildlife Biologist and National Coordinator for the North American Breeding Bird Survey for the past 13 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Pardieck started growing oyster spat in Fishing Creek in 2008 as part of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation restoration program; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Pardieck, when approached by Mayor Wahl in 2010 to develop the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS), graciously accepted this challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Pardieck developed the CBOCS framework, authored the CBOCS brochure and web site, interfaced with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and recruited 75 volunteers to operate the various sub committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Pardieck, thru his leadership, CBOCS obtained 30 rotating and 30 MGO cages which have been used for 2 years growing 160,000 oysters which were ultimately deposited on the Old Rock Reef in Chesapeake Bay; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Chesapeake Beach that we recognize Keith Pardieck for his leadership of this valuable environmental program.

GIVEN, under our hands and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor

Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Councilwoman

Robert E. Carpenter, Councilman

Stewart B. Cumbo, Councilman

Jeffrey J. Krahling, Councilman

Patrick J. Mahoney, Councilman

Eric M. Reinhardt, Councilman