



**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA,
OPPOSING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS WITHIN THE TOWN**

WHEREAS, The Town of Nags Head's Vision Statement emphasizes preservation of our unique coastal community built upon a legacy rooted in shared values. The Town's Vision includes the preservation and protection of the Nags Head character and environment for present and future generations; AND

WHEREAS, one of the principles in the Town's Legacy is to ensure access to a well-protected natural coastal environment consistent with the community's vision; AND

WHEREAS, the release of helium and other lighter-than-air balloons poses a significant environmental threat; AND

WHEREAS, mylar and latex balloons, found littered along the shoreline, contribute to pollution, detract from the Town's aesthetics, and endanger marine and animal life; AND

WHEREAS, balloons frequently land in the Atlantic Ocean and the Roanoke Sound, becoming prevalent sources of floating debris; AND

WHEREAS, research suggests that marine life and animals mistake balloons for edible resources, leading to ingestion and potential harm, risking choking or intestinal blockages; AND

WHEREAS, government intervention is crucial for mitigating environmental harm and safeguarding public health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA, that the Town strongly opposes the release of helium or lighter-than-air balloons within Nags Head to preserve the Town's air, land, and water from contamination, and to protect the well-being of wildlife.

Adopted this 1st day of May 2024.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk