



**A RESOLUTION OF THE NAGS HEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OPPOSING SENATE BILL 539 (SEC 2.1.(a)) / HOUSE BILL 271**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted a ban on the use of plastic bags by Outer Banks stores in 2010, the Nation's first state mandated ban on plastic bags; AND

WHEREAS, this ban was initially instituted for larger retailers from Corolla to Ocracoke in 2009; AND

WHEREAS, this legislation was proposed to both protect the environment and help preserve the thriving tourism industry; AND

WHEREAS, visitors are drawn to the beaches of Nags Head in the Outer Banks; AND

WHEREAS, banning plastic bags promoted a new shopping culture in Nags Head where the delicate ecosystem is particularly vulnerable to excessive trash; AND

WHEREAS, some locals make their living off the sea; AND

WHEREAS, plastic bags are known to harm marine life, especially sea turtles; AND

WHEREAS, many states are enacting legislation to ban or reduce plastic bags; AND

WHEREAS, banning plastic bags has improved the visual aesthetics of Nags Head by reducing litter, added protection to the fragile marine ecosystems, and kept tons of plastic out of landfills; AND

WHEREAS, bills have been filed in the N.C. House of Representatives and the N.C. Senate that would repeal the ban.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners hereby opposes Senate Bill 539 (Sec 2.1.(a)) / House Bill 271, Repeal of the Plastic Bag Ban.

Adopted this 5th day of April 2017.

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

