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**THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD
RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSTRUCTION OF
A NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE ALLIGATOR RIVER**

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator River which is more than 50-years old is an outdated, narrow and unsafe two-lane structure that does not meet current federal or state bridge construction standards; AND

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator River is experiencing significant increases in seasonal and annual traffic volume, including increasing numbers of heavy tractor-trailer trucks; AND

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator Bridge is part of the primary highway providing access to hundreds of Tyrell County residents that commute daily to and from the Outer Banks for employment; AND

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator Bridge is an evacuation route for residents and visitors of the Outer Banks to use in the case of mandatory evacuations due to hurricanes; AND

WHEREAS, replacement of the aging bridge structure is currently part of the indefinitely delayed plan for completion of the four-lane US-64 from Columbia east to Manns Harbor; AND

WHEREAS, it is understood that a replacement bridge across the Alligator River can be constructed independently of highway completion to the east and west of the bridge, using federal highway funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), without delay, separate replacement of the Alligator River Bridge from the two highway section projects and design, schedule, fund and construct a new bridge across the Alligator River; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the NCDOT Division 1 Board member, State Legislators serving Dare and Tyrrell Counties, Albemarle RPO, NCDOT Division 1 Engineer, Town of Manteo, Town of Columbia, and Dare and Tyrrell Counties.

THIS THE 7th DAY OF **JANUARY 2015**.

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk