



Town of Nags Head

**Resolution Opposing North Carolina Senate Bill 550
Religious Freedom Restoration Act**

WHEREAS, Nags Head is a community populated by diverse groups dedicated to the principles of nondiscrimination and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, to secure our future, we work together, treating all with respect and fairness while focusing on our common goals; and

WHEREAS, members of the North Carolina General Assembly have introduced legislation that would provide exemption for any person, business; church, institution, and many other entities, to discriminate based on gender, race, religion, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, passing Senate Bill 550 would have an adverse effect on all North Carolinians and visitors to our State and community; and

WHEREAS, that such legislation, if it becomes law, will violate the constitutional rights of our residents and institutionalize discrimination and division through the laws of our State; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners respects the right of all people to their sincerely held religious beliefs but is committed to the fundamental constitutional principle of separation of church and state and insists, as James Madison wrote, that "the civil rights of none shall be abridged on account of religious belief"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head is opposed to and urges the General Assembly to reject (and if necessary, for Gov. McCrory to veto) any legislation that would allow exemption for anyone or entity to discriminate based on gender, race, religion or citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head opposes discrimination and prejudice, and supports preserving and protecting the constitutional rights and equal treatment of all.

This resolution adopted the 1st day of April 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Edwards".

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle H. Gray".
Michelle H. Gray, Dep. Town Clerk