



**Town of Nags Head, North Carolina  
Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Resolution - April 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the public cares deeply about the welfare and lives of our children and a majority report that child abuse is a very important moral issue for them; AND

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence in the presence of a child is deemed to create an injurious environment for children by placing them at risk for actual physical injury or at risk for serious emotional disturbance; AND

**WHEREAS**, sexual abuse, molestation, and assault include a range of behaviors all of which pose a threat to the health and welfare of our children and our adults; AND

**WHEREAS**, we recognize our children are impacted by other violent, abusive, frightening behaviors such as bullying, abuse of authority or position, and random violent crime; AND

**WHEREAS**, research has identified that witnessing or experiencing traumatic violence and abuse impacts children's brain development and function and our children's capacity for emotional growth, good health, and resilience is directly linked to their life experiences; AND

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect and domestic and sexual violence is a community problem that depends on involvement among all people throughout the community; AND

**WHEREAS**, April is nationally proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**NOW THEREFORE WE HEREBY RESOLVE:**

- To support Outer Banks Hotline's campaign to build resilience and change the impact of violence on children beginning April 2011 through year end;
- That government offices and employees may display materials or wear pins, provided by Outer Banks Hotline, as reminders that "Children Learn What They Live" and "The Children Are Watching";
- That during the month of April or before year end educational opportunities may be presented to increase understanding of the state's mandated reporting laws regarding all forms of child abuse and neglect; to increase understanding of the impact of sexual violence for victims of all ages and the benefit to the entire community of supporting victims while holding offenders accountable; and to consider our response to any child or adult who may seek assistance or who may be afraid;

and declare that we unite with the nation in proclaiming April 2011 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Nags Head.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2011.

Robert O. Oakes, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk