



**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA,
IN SUPPORT OF REINSTITUTING AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN (AEC)
DESIGNATION FOR JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, Jockey's Ridge State Park (JRSP) is the most visited State Park in the state of North Carolina and it is the only state park fully within the boundaries of a town – the Town of Nags Head; AND

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) protects its beautiful and fragile coastal resources thanks in part to the Coastal Area Management Act and the rules and policies of the CRC; AND

WHEREAS, JRSP is an existing State Park, a nature preserve, and contains unique geological formations as identified by the State Geologist, and therefore meets the criteria of AEC designation as established in G.S. 113A-113; AND

WHEREAS, G.S. 113A-115 states that AECs should not be deleted unless it is found that the conditions upon which the original designation was based have been substantially altered; AND

WHEREAS, at an August 6, 2024 Special Meeting, the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) voted unanimously to begin the process of reinstating Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) protections for JRSP to include a prohibition on removing sand from the Park and restrictions on development immediately adjacent to the Park; AND

WHEREAS, JRSP is an important educational, scientific, and scenic resource that would be jeopardized by uncontrolled or incompatible development; AND

WHEREAS, the preservation of this valuable resource of more than local significance is the objective of this designation; AND

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing regarding the AEC for JRSP is scheduled to be held at the JRSP Community Room in the Park's Visitor's Center, 300 W Carolista Dr, Nags Head, NC 27959, on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA, does hereby formally submit this resolution in support of the re-establishment of Jockey's Ridge State Park as an Area of Environmental Concern and allow it the special protections granted by the designation.

Adopted this 4th day of September 2024.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk