



**RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA DOMINION POWER REPLACE WOODEN UTILITY POLES WITH UNDERGROUND, STEEL OR CONCRETE POWER POLES ALONG THE MANTEO/NAGS HEAD CAUSEWAY**

**WHEREAS**, The wooden utility poles along the Manteo/Nags Head Causeway are a major component of power delivery to Mainland Dare County, Roanoke Island, and Nags Head, and have repeatedly been damaged or broken during storms, including Hurricane Michael in 2018, Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Hurricane Irene in 2011, and most recently, Hurricane Dorian; AND

**WHEREAS**, Damaged and broken wooden utility poles pose a risk to public safety by causing road closures, hindering or preventing emergency response; impeding or preventing traffic flow, and creating power outages to a significant portion of the county; AND

**WHEREAS**, Power outages resulting from these broken poles pose a safety risk to those with power-dependent medical devices, cost residents and businesses lost wages and revenue, cause refrigerated and frozen food loss, disrupt communications systems, disrupt traffic signals and postpone and delay response and recovery; AND

**WHEREAS**, because of Dare County's load capacity on current wooden utility poles along the Manteo/Nags Head Causeway, their ongoing use will continue to present Nags Head and the surrounding area with continued threat of interrupted electrical services during heavy winds and storms, with problems associated with such interrupted power services; AND

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Dominion Power has repeatedly performed significant replacement and repair of the multiple broken poles along the Manteo/Nags Head Causeway in order to restore power to the County's citizens; AND

**WHEREAS**, Replacement of the wooden utility poles with steel or concrete power poles or the use of underground utility lines would provide Nags Head and all Dare County citizens with a lower risk of interrupted electrical service in the event of heavy winds and storms, have significant positive impacts on response and recovery and reduce the manpower and repeated extensive infrastructure repair for North Carolina Dominion Power.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Nags Head Board of Commissioners requests North Carolina Dominion Power make a commitment to customers to install a safer, more reliable and more resilient electric system along the Manteo/Nags Head Causeway by placing the power lines in this area underground or replacing the wooden poles with concrete or steel poles.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2019.

  
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Susie Walters, Mayor Pro Tem  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

  
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Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

