



**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR  
THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION**

**WHEREAS**, Town of Nags Head (the "Town") desires to protect human life, safety and health; minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects; minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding; minimize prolonged business losses and interruptions; minimize damage to public facilities and utilities; minimize damage to private and public property due to flooding; maintain the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains; and mitigate flood risks in Nags Head; and

**WHEREAS**, flood prone areas of the Town are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life, property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 spent on disaster prevention saves up to \$7 in recovery costs, and

**WHEREAS**, national coordination and support are necessary for communities to fully address the challenge of flooding and sea level rise, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise that invest in and protect our coastal communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Flood Coalition is a no-cost forum for best practices and source of support in developing local and state-level responses to flooding and sea level rise that will enhance the Town's resilience effort, and

**WHEREAS**, flooding and sea level rise are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on flooding challenges and solutions, and

**WHEREAS**, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid and further the Town of Nags Head's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the Board of Commissioners, and

**WHEREAS**, the goals and mission of the American Flood Coalition are consistent with the policies of the Town of Nags Head Comprehensive Plan (2017) to ensure the Town is a disaster resilient community that can survive, recover from, and thrive after a natural or man-made disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the safety and welfare of residents and ensure the prosperity of the economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

**The Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of Nags Head.**

ADOPTED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021.

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Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

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Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk