



**TOWN OF NAGS HEAD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
CONCERNING DIGGING DANGEROUS HOLES ON THE BEACH**

WHEREAS, The issue of dangerous holes being dug on the beaches of North Carolina needs to be addressed; many coastal municipalities have expressed their concern as incidents are occurring more and more in our communities; AND

WHEREAS, All too often we hear about fatalities or injuries related to sand collapses on beaches throughout our nation; in May 2022 an 18-year-old boy was killed on the beach in New Jersey when a hole he and his sister were digging collapsed on them; AND

WHEREAS, Bradley Maron, an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School has studied sand-hole collapses over the years and has indicated that these kinds of fatalities are not as uncommon as thought; AND

WHEREAS, In a 2007 letter to the editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, Maron documented 52 cases from 1997 to 2007 in the United States in which people had become buried when beach sand collapsed on them; AND

WHEREAS, In the Town of Nags Head, there have been instances of damage to Town vehicles and equipment, particularly at night, due to holes that are not easily visible; AND

WHEREAS, Some municipalities have adopted ordinances that address this issue; however, these ordinances may not have enough power to force compliance; Legislation needs to be enacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina expresses its support of state legislation which could increase our capacity to address the incredibly dangerous issue of holes on the beach.

Adopted this the 3rd day of August 2022.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk