



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD  
IN SUPPORT OF THE ROANOKE ISLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
AND THE PRODUCTION OF THE LOST COLONY**

**WHEREAS**, *The Lost Colony* has been the Outer Banks' most prominent Heritage Tourism attraction for 86 years; AND

**WHEREAS**, summer productions of *The Lost Colony* at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island have entertained millions of visitors; AND

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Roanoke Island Historical Association is to celebrate and depict the first English settlement in America on Roanoke Island and the birth of the first English child on these shores; AND

**WHEREAS**, *The Lost Colony*, based on a screenplay by North Carolina's Paul Green, first was performed in 1937, in the depths of the Depression, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt was among those who viewed the production that summer; AND

**WHEREAS**, the show has been performed continuously for 85 years, interrupted only by World War II and the Covid epidemic; AND

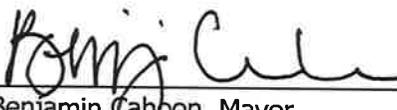
**WHEREAS**, *The Lost Colony* should be an important part of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2026; AND

**WHEREAS**, we eagerly anticipate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Lost Colony* in 2037, just fourteen years from now; AND

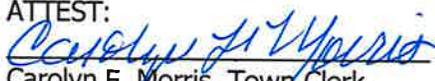
**WHEREAS**, *The Lost Colony* remains a vital and valuable part of the life and history of our community, Dare County and the entire Outer Banks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners does hereby express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association for its hard work, and we pledge our continuing support for *The Lost Colony*.

Adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

  
Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

  
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

