



**RESOLUTION HONORING WILBUR WRIGHT ON HIS BIRTH DATE AND THE VITAL CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS TO THE "FIRST IN FLIGHT" LEGACY OF DARE COUNTY AND NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, Wilbur Wright's birth date of April 16, 1867, is recognized and celebrated annually at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, in Dare County schools, and by the First Flight Society in its mission to honor the Wright Brothers for their first powered flight and to promote aviation in Dare County, North Carolina, the United States, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, Katharine Wright Haskell, and the Wright family are considered to be among Dare County's best-loved and most-appreciated ambassadors, in acknowledgment of Wilbur's dedication to erase the initial widespread doubt surrounding aviation while simultaneously becoming a celebrity, earning respect and acceptance from royalty and European society elites with his intellectual prowess, engineering skills, quick wit, friendly disposition, and humble nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wright Brothers National Memorial occupies a distinguished and prominent place on Dare County's renowned official county seal and in reference and support to Dare County's "Land of Beginnings" tagline; and

**WHEREAS**, Wright Brothers National Memorial hosts 500,000 visitors each year to Dare County, generating a cumulative benefit to North Carolina's economy of nearly \$45 million annually, according to peer-reviewed visitor spending analyses by local, state, and federal economists; and

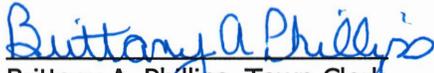
**WHEREAS**, the town of Nags Head, located in Dare County and bordering the town of Kill Devil Hills, benefits significantly from the legacy of the Wright Brothers, as aviation tourism and historical recognition contribute to the town's economy, fostering local businesses, accommodations, and cultural institutions that welcome visitors year-round;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges Wilbur Wright's birth date on April 16 and the enduring accomplishments of the Wright Brothers and their significant social, cultural, and economic impacts.

Adopted this 2nd day of April 2025.

  
Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

  
Brittany A. Phillips, Town Clerk

