



**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK
AND HONORING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Jockey's Ridge State Park, established in 1975, is home to the tallest living sand dune system on the East Coast and serves as one of North Carolina's most treasured natural landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of Jockey's Ridge was made possible by the grassroots efforts of dedicated citizens, most notably Carolista Baum, whose activism led to the creation of the state park, ensuring the protection of this iconic landscape for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Jockey's Ridge State Park provides invaluable recreational, environmental, and economic benefits to Nags Head, attracting over one million visitors annually who enjoy its scenic beauty, outdoor activities, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Jockey's Ridge, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the park's preservation and enhancement, has played a vital role in supporting the park's programs, improvements, and community engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, from June 5–8, 2025, Jockey's Ridge State Park and the Friends of Jockey's Ridge will host a **50th Anniversary Celebration**, featuring a historic lineup of events, including the Outer Banks' first-ever drone light show, a live concert on the dunes, a sunset toast and flag-raising ceremony, and interactive family-friendly activities, all designed to honor the park's legacy and its importance to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head recognizes and appreciates the significance of Jockey's Ridge State Park as a cornerstone of the town's natural heritage, economy, and identity, and wishes to express its full support for the 50th Anniversary Celebration;

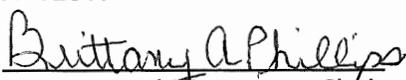
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners formally **recognizes and honors the 50th Anniversary of Jockey's Ridge State Park** and commends the efforts of the Friends of Jockey's Ridge and the park staff for their dedication to preserving and celebrating this cherished natural treasure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Nags Head encourages residents and visitors alike to participate in the **50th Anniversary Celebration events** and join in commemorating the history, beauty, and significance of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Adopted this 7th day of May 2025.


Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:


Brittany A. Phillips, Town Clerk

