



**A RESOLUTION OF THE NAGS HEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OPPOSING CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, municipalities in North Carolina have a longstanding history of being among the highest professionally run local governments in the country; AND

WHEREAS, we believe that as local officials who live and work daily in the community we represent, we can best determine the specific needs of our citizens and our communities; AND

WHEREAS, we as local officials, strongly affirm that as a non-partisan body we are better able to serve our residents and make decisions based on the best interest of the municipality independent of partisan principles; AND

WHEREAS, since 1993, the Town's Corporate Charter provides that the Town's regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every two years in odd-numbered years, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Municipal Elections Laws of North Carolina; AND

WHEREAS, of North Carolina's 553 incorporated municipalities, only eight have chosen to have partisan elections; AND

WHEREAS, municipal elections are purposely held in odd-numbered years in order to separate national and state elections from local government elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head, in order to protect the rights of local municipalities to choose their own form of government, opposes Senate Bill 206 / NC House Bill 64 and urges the Dare County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly to oppose the afore-referenced bill or any subsequent legislation with the intent of mandating partisan elections and/or changing election cycles to even-numbered years unless requested by the municipality, and further, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to North Carolina House of Representative Beverly Boswell and North Carolina Senator Bill Cook.

Adopted on this the 5th day of April, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert C. Edwards".

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn F. Morris".
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk