



**A RESOLUTION OF THE NAGS HEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OPPOSING PARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the tradition in Dare County has been to hold non-partisan elections for seats on the Dare County Board of Education ("Board"); AND

WHEREAS, this non-partisan tradition has fostered a climate of mutual respect and cooperation among all Board members, who have put partisanship aside and made their number one priority the education of our children; AND

WHEREAS, the tradition of non-partisan school board elections in Dare County has worked very well and should not be altered without a compelling justification; AND

WHEREAS, under House Bill 265, members of the Dare County Board of Education and five other North Carolina school boards would be elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2018; AND

WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 94, county boards of education statewide would be elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2018; AND

WHEREAS, introducing partisanship into Dare County Board of Education elections could adversely affect what has been a successful and collaborative working arrangement among Board members; AND

WHEREAS, under House Bill 265 and Senate Bill 94, school board elections would take place in November and newly elected members would take office on the first Monday in December; AND

WHEREAS, under current practice pursuant to 1993 Session Law 654, elections for Dare County Board of Education take place in May and newly elected members take office at the first regular Board meeting in July, which, for educational purposes, at the beginning of the school year rather than in December, in the middle of the school year and just prior to the annual school budget process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners 1) formally expresses its opposition to partisan elections for the Dare County Board of Education, 2) that local legislators be provided with a copy of this resolution, 3) that the Dare County Board of Education be removed from House Bill 265, and Senate Bill 94, and 4) that local legislators oppose legislation introducing partisan elections for the Dare County Board of Education.

Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

  
Robert C. Edwards, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head



ATTEST:  
  
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk