



A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina expressing opposition to legislation preventing counties and municipalities from regulating "the removal, replacement, and preservation of trees on private property within its jurisdiction"

WHEREAS, a draft legislation bill presented to the Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Commission would prevent counties and municipalities from regulating "the removal, replacement, and preservation of trees on private property within the jurisdiction"; AND

WHEREAS, the language would eliminate statewide cities and towns' authority to enact authority ordinances, including those involving the protection of trees during construction, the protection of historic and "heritage" trees from removal, and the protection of trees in municipal rights of ways; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head is a municipality in Dare County where the Live Oak is the town tree and cherishes the historic value that Live Oaks and other trees have; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources, and trees are necessary in some cases for stabilization and stormwater management; AND

WHEREAS, this action would negate municipal efforts to achieve visual and noise buffering between and among commercial and residential uses, resulting in a loss of quality of life for residents, property owners, and visitors; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head believes that this proposed legislation would be detrimental to the history and character of all cities and towns across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina, is opposed to legislation preventing counties and municipalities from regulating "the removal, replacement, and preservation of trees on private property within its jurisdiction".

Adopted this 7th day of May 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert C. Edwards".

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn F. Morris".
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk