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## TOWN OF NAGS HEAD RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 645/SENATE BILL 534 REVISIONS TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LAWS

**WHEREAS**, State House Bill 645/Senate Bill 534 titled Revisions To Outdoor Advertising Laws would allow billboards to be placed where current zoning would prohibit them, and increase costs to taxpayers when billboards are required to be removed due to road building and other construction; AND

**WHEREAS**, Local control of billboards is necessary to ensure that all property owners are protected. That local control reflects the individual visions of cities and towns and their residents, which are typically tied to their local economies and how they wish to pursue economic growth and attract jobs; AND

**WHEREAS**, Local officials take into account the interests of all local business owners when it comes to the location of billboards and a one-size-fits-all solution has the potential to disrupt the economic development of all cities/towns; AND

**WHEREAS**, One purpose of the Town of Nags Head zoning ordinances is to eliminate structures which block and detract from the Town's scenic beauty; AND

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Nags Head successfully defended its zoning ordinances in a case concerning outdoor advertising titled R. O. Givens, Inc. v. Town of Nags Head.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose HB 645/SB 534 concerning revisions to outdoor advertising laws and urge State legislators to oppose these bills and protect local visions, natural resources, economic development, as well as the great quality of life enjoyed by residents.

This the 1st day of May 2019.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor Town of Nags Head

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