

**Town of Carolina Beach, NC**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE WILMINGTON URBAN AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT  
PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS  
FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation has developed a discretionary grant program to address surface transportation resilience to natural hazards through the new Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill has appropriated \$1.4 billion for the PROTECT Program over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the program supports the development of a Resilience Improvement Plan that addresses immediate and long range transportation network needs related to comprehensive natural hazard preparedness to limit transportation disruptions, and to identify and assess areas of vulnerability within the transportation network to be considered and prioritized for future resiliency projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the PROTECT Program encourages that entities, including local governments, that are interested in obtaining implementation funds through the PROTECT Program have an adopted Resilience Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization planning area has observed transportation network disruptions due to natural hazard events such as flooding and has a high likelihood of future flooding and severe weather events such as hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS**, a Resilience Improvement Plan that covers the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization would include Carolina Beach, NC

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Carolina Beach Town Council supports the application from the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan for the Greater Wilmington region through the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program.

Adopted and approved the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Mayor Albert L. Barbee