## Resolution



## Town of Carolina Beach Town Council

## RESOLUTION NO. 25-2333

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA IN SUPPORT OF NC HOUSE BILL 569 (HB 569) – PFAS POLLUTION AND POLLUTER RESPONSIBILITY

**WHEREAS**, PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), often referred to as "forever chemicals," are synthetic compounds that persist in the environment and human body, and have been linked to cancer, liver damage, immune system dysfunction, and other serious health risks;

**WHEREAS**, residents of Carolina Beach and the surrounding Cape Fear region have been directly impacted by PFAS contamination in their drinking water, primarily stemming from industrial discharges into the Cape Fear River;

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina House Bill 569, titled "PFAS Pollution and Polluter Responsibility," would require those responsible for PFAS pollution to bear the costs of cleanup, improve public access to water quality data, and empower the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) to take stronger enforcement action;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carolina Beach believes that clean water is a fundamental right and supports legislative efforts that prioritize environmental accountability and public health protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA:

- 1. **The Town Council supports North Carolina House Bill 569** and urges members of the North Carolina General Assembly to pass this critical legislation to address PFAS pollution statewide.
- 2. The Town Council affirms its commitment to protecting the public health of Carolina Beach residents and will continue to advocate for responsible environmental practices and policies that safeguard natural resources.

**ADOPTED** this 27th day of May 2025, by the Town Council of Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

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