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PROCLAMATION 2026-01
**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEADERSHIP OF ALDERMAN
LARRY STROTHER**

WHEREAS, Larry Wayne Strother was born on December 8th, 1946, and hailed from Fayetteville, North Carolina. Larry was a loving husband to his wife, Lori Strother, of eight years and an adoring dog owner to his doodle, Dixie Rae. Larry was a devoted Christian and an active member of Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Larry Strother attended East Carolina University and Methodist College, but gallantly withdrew from furthering his education to serve his county in the Vietnam War as a Marine. As a Sergeant, he was honorably discharged in 1970 adorned with medals, including the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for Meritorious Service performed under combat conditions; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Larry Strother built a distinguished career as a hardworking business owner, leading his own real estate company, LWS Homes, Inc., with dedication and vision. He was President of Strother Holdings and of the Home Builders Association of Fayetteville, and was awarded the Pillar of the Industry Award; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Larry was also an unyielding advocate for the preservation and renourishment of Topsail Island beaches. Larry was an original member of the Beach, Inlet, and Sound Advisory Committee and served as the Chairman from 2023 until his passing. While on the Board, he was influential in establishing the 5-Year Action Plan and 30-Year Maintenance Plan; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2023, Larry was appointed to the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Committee and was Vice Chairman from 2025 to 2026. Larry sought to further serve his community through his work on the North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen after being elected in November 2025. While on the Board, Larry remained focused on the conservation of North Topsail Beach beaches and sound leadership for the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of North Topsail Beach does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Alderman Larry Wayne Strother, whose legacy of kindness and coastal advocacy will continue to live on through the community he so cherished.

Adopted this thirteenth day of May two thousand twenty-six.

Richard Grant, Mayor
Town of North Topsail Beach

Alexis Stanfield, Clerk, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Aldermen