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PROCLAMATION

RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCEAN CITY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Ocean City was established in 1949 as an African American-owned community fifteen years before the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Ocean City was a unique community as it was the first residential beach community with Black homeownership in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, homes were built in 1949 as well as a restaurant and fishing pier in 1953. Streets bear the names of community family members and famous Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean City Beach Community was honored for its historic role with a marker on the North Carolina Civil Rights Trail; and

WHEREAS, Ocean City is a thriving part of the Town of North Topsail Beach. The community hosts a very popular and well-loved Jazz Festival every July that attracts attendees from across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of North Topsail Beach hereby recognize the 75th anniversary of the wonderful vibrant community of Ocean City and honor the contributions of values and traditions that it brings.

This proclamation is effective this 5th day of July 2024.

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