

*Town of North Topsail Beach*

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0009

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION MEMBERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by Federal Emergency Management Act research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves up to \$7 in recovery costs; and

**WHEREAS**, national coordination and support are necessary for communities to fully address the challenge of flooding and sea level rise, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise that invest in and protect our coastal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Flood Coalition is a no-cost forum for best practices and source of support in developing local and state-level responses to flooding and sea level rise that will enhance the Town of North Topsail Beach's resilience effort; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding and sea level rise are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on flooding challenges and solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid the Town of North Topsail Beach's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the Town of North Topsail Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Topsail Beach has proactively installed a demonstration living shoreline, a water level gauge to monitoring town-wide flooding and is a member of the Topsail Island NC Resilient Coastal Communities Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of the Town of North Topsail Beach residents and ensure the prosperity of the Town of North Topsail Beach's economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of North Topsail Beach recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the Town of North Topsail Beach residents.

Adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

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Joann McDermon, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Avery, Interim Town Clerk