



**Resolution in Support of a  
Wright Brothers Tribute Museum  
and Observatory  
#2022-04-02**

**WHEREAS**, Orville and Wilbur Wright are credited with launching the aerial age on December 17, 1903 by flying the world's first successful motor-operated airplane; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southern Shores enthusiastically agrees with establishing a tribute museum and observatory to the Wright Brothers to help educate the world about aviation and the 12 seconds that changed the world; and

**WHEREAS**, it is envisioned the proposed 30,000+ square foot museum and observatory will house the world's largest display housing 12 historically accurate Wright Brothers aircraft, STEM training classrooms, a multi-purpose theater, an aircraft building workshop, an outdoor performance area, elegant café, gift shop, an extensive library and archive. The world class observatory will appeal to visitors eager for family friendly entertainment and education. In the mission control room guests will be able to fly one of the four Wright Flyer simulators. Children will love the dual airplane launchers, paper rocket launchers and dressing up in period costumes for a souvenir picture. There will be parking for visitors, school and tour buses and electric vehicle charging stations; and

**WHEREAS**, this multi-million dollar project will be fully funded through private investors that want to make this vision a reality, completed and operated at no additional cost to taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is thought the ideal location for this museum, observatory and newly designed welcome center is on state owned land where the Aycock Brown Welcome Center and the Monument to a Century of Flight is located in Kitty Hawk; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southern Shores Town Council requests that the State of North Carolina accept this gift of vision from Ken Hyde of the Wright Experience and Bill Cress of Access Aerospace, LLC and other private donors to establish the Wright Brothers Tribute Museum and Observatory on state owned land at 5230 North Croatan Highway, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

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A. Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

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Sheila Kane, Town Clerk