



Resolution in Support for The Lost Colony
Resolution # 2023.05.01

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* has been the Outer Banks' most prominent Heritage Tourism attraction for 85 years; and

WHEREAS, summer productions of *The Lost Colony* at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island have entertained millions of visitors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Roanoke Island Historical Association is to celebrate and depict the first English settlement in America on Roanoke Island and the birth of the first English child on these shores; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony*, based on a screenplay by North Carolina's Paul Green, first was performed in 1937, in the depths of the Depression, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt was among those who viewed the production that summer; and

WHEREAS, the show has been performed continuously for 85 years, interrupted only by World War II and the Covid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* should be an important part of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration in 2026; and

WHEREAS, we eagerly anticipate the 100th anniversary of *The Lost Colony* in 2037, just fourteen years from now; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* remains a vital and valuable part of the life and history of our community, Dare County and the entire Outer Banks;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Southern Shores Town Council expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association for its hard work, and we pledge our continuing support for *The Lost Colony*.

This the 2nd day of May 2023.

A. Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Kane, Town Clerk