



Town of Southern Shores

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A Resolution in Support of Reinstating an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park

Resolution #2024.11.01

WHEREAS, Jockey's Ridge State Park (JRSP) is the most visited State Park in North Carolina and is pristine natural monument to the rugged landscape that attracted people to the area and also a tribute to Outer Banks local Carolista Baum, a role model who proved that one person can make a difference and protect our community's threatened natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) protects its beautiful and fragile coastal resources thanks in part to the Coastal Area Management Act and the rules and policies of the CRC; and

WHEREAS, JRSP is an existing state park, a nature preserve, and contains unique geological formations as identified by the N.C. State Geologist, and therefore meets the criteria of AEC designation as established in N.C.G.S. 113A-113; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 113A-115 states that AEC designations should not be removed unless it is found that the conditions upon which the original designation was based have been substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, at an August 6, 2024, special meeting, the CRC voted unanimously to begin the process of reinstating AEC protections for Jockey's Ridge to include a prohibition on removing sand from the park and restrictions on development immediately adjacent to the park; and

WHEREAS, JRSP is an important educational, scientific, and scenic resource that would be jeopardized by uncontrolled or incompatible development; and


WHEREAS, the preservation of this invaluable resource of regional and statewide significance is the objective of this designation; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding the AEC for JRSP was held at the Jockey's Ridge Visitor's Center, 300 West Carolista Drive, Nags Head, North Carolina 27959, on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and public comment will be heard through Monday, November 4 2024; now, therefore be it

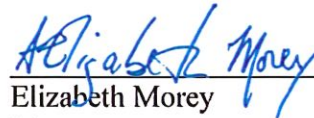
RESOLVED that the Town Council for the Town of Southern Shores does hereby formally submit this resolution in support of the re-establishment an Area of Environmental Concern Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park, and allow it the special protections granted by the designation.

This the 28th day of October, 2024.





Sheila Kane
Town Clerk



Elizabeth Morey
Mayor