

**RESOLUTION 2023-R3**  
**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 200**  
**(captioned “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND**  
**THE MUNICIPALITIES WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN ONSLOW COUNTY**  
**TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY**  
**AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL**  
**NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE.”)**

**WHEREAS**, that recently introduced Senate Bill 200 if made law, would eliminate the requirement of publishing notices through a newspaper for Onslow County and the municipalities located in Onslow County may adopt ordinances as provided within the new law; and

**WHEREAS**, by enacting such law, the Town of Swansboro Board of Commissioners brings attention to the fact that citizens of a certain age and/or capabilities, or their lack of computer accessibility will be left out, and

**WHEREAS**, governments should not be able to control how notices that alert people of their actions are published, thus limiting true transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, this change may have a severe financial impact on the newspaper industry; and

**WHEREAS**, public notices can be sent to local newspapers and TV stations; posted on the county and/or municipality website, Facebook page, and all other social media platforms, widening publication, not narrowing it, which should be the goal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Swansboro urges the North Carolina General Assembly to reconsider Senate Bill 200.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to our legislative delegation and to the leadership of the North Carolina General Assembly.

This \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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John Davis, Mayor

Attest:

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Alissa Fender, Town Clerk