

**RESOLUTION (2024-R5) OF SUPPORT FOR JACKSONVILLE ONSLOW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(JOED), THE SWANSBORO AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SAEDC),
AND PROJECT COFFEE**

WHEREAS, JOED has served the Town since 1970 as its sole Economic Development Organization (EDO) and the Town is a member of JOED, with representation on JOED's Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the Town completed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan (The Plan) in 2018, which recognizes the importance of deliberate economic development activity to realize the plan's goals;

WHEREAS, JOED is uniquely qualified and equipped to assist the town in the pursuit of its economic development goals, and the work program of JOED is wholly consistent with the tenets of The Plan;

WHEREAS, JOED provides technical assistance and organizational support to the volunteer Swansboro Area Economic Development Committee (SAEDC);

WHEREAS, the SAEDC exists to provide the greater Swansboro area with knowledgeable and experienced economic development leadership, focused on the unique assets of the area;

WHEREAS, JOED and the SAEDC are jointly pursuing the development of light industrial sites and buildings in the greater Swansboro area, in order to recruit above-average jobs for the Town's residents, consistent with the Town's Plan;

WHEREAS, among those light industrial sites, Project Coffee is located in the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Project Coffee, if developed, will provide critical light industrial capacity to the Town, facilitating the forecast creation of two-hundred net, new jobs and thirty million dollars (\$30M) in new tax base for the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Swansboro, North Carolina, as follows:

1. This Board supports the work of the JOED staff and Board of Directors in pursuit of economic development in and around the Town.
2. This Board supports the work of the volunteer SAEDC in its efforts to target and complete projects in the area that assist in the realization of The Plan.
3. This Board supports the JOED and SAEDC efforts to complete the design, development, and marketing of Project Coffee.

NOW THEREFORE:

The Town Manager is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the activity contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.

All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the Town, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions contained herein are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

This Resolution is effective upon its adoption. This the 13th day of February, 2024.

Attest:

Alissa Fender, Town Clerk

John Davis, Mayor