



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

Resolution in Continued Support of a New Bridge to Replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River

WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge is a swing-span style of drawbridge that crosses the Alligator River in eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The bridge was constructed in 1960, and serves as the main transportation link along North Carolina Highway 64 from areas west of Dare County; and

WHEREAS, The Alligator River is part of the Intercoastal Waterway and is used by numerous commercial shipping and recreational vessels, with delays and back-ups caused by the bridge's operations; and

WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge is an essential hurricane evacuation route for the residents of Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties, and the millions of seasonal Outer Banks visitors, and the continuous functionality of the bridge is imperative to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The draw-bridge infrastructure of the bridge is obsolete and was closed for repairs in 2017 and 2019, resulting in lengthy delays and detours for residents, visitors, and commerce to and from Dare, Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties; and

WHEREAS, The Lindsay C. Warren Bridge has been rated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as "structurally deficient," which indicates that the span is reaching the end of its useful life, and must be regularly monitored, inspected, and maintained.

WHEREAS, An estimated 200 – 400 local residents regularly traverse the bridge to report to their employment, demonstrating the continued necessity for a safe and dependable transportation infrastructure for the local economy, including its workers; and

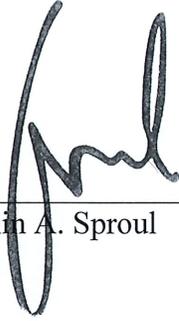
WHEREAS, The bridge is being utilized by an ever-increasing level of commercial and visitor traffic, it is a critically vital economic link for eastern North Carolina and its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners urgently requests a new bridge to replace the existing span for the Alligator River in recognition of the essential role this span plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Kill Devil Hills, Dare County, and Eastern North Carolina;

This the 12th day of September, 2022.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:



James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk

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