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Resolution #2007-06-01

Resolution of Support for the Clean Water Act of 2007

WHEREAS, North Carolina's continued prosperity depends on protecting the State's water resources for current use and future generations; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is expected to grow by 3.5 million people to exceed 12 million by the year 2030, placing pressures on the State's water resources and local water providers; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's businesses, traditional and emerging industries all depend on reliable supplies of clean water, reasonable utility costs, well maintained water infrastructure and an attractive natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the 1998 Clean Water Bonds delivered significant benefits to North Carolina communities and citizens, supporting 1,103 projects in 97 counties, which

- Helped create or retain 42,000 jobs
- Corrected major regulator violations in 97 communities
- Addressed failing septic systems and contaminated wells in 59 counties
- Resulted in 50 communities receiving sewer service for the first time
- Encouraged regional efficiencies, sound planning and conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public water, sewer and storm water utilities will require investments totaling \$16.63 billion to keep pace with necessary improvements and population growth over the next 25 years, including \$6.85 billion in investments within the next five years;

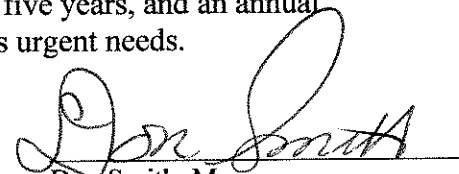
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Southern Shores urges the NC General Assembly to enact the "Clean Water Act of 2007" which provides for a \$500 million bond issue to be expended over the next five years, and an annual appropriation of \$50 million in recurring funding to address urgent needs.

Adopted this 5th day June 5, 2007.

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ATTEST:


Carrie Gordon, Town Clerk


Don Smith, Mayor