



# Town of Southern Shores

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RESOLUTION 2017-06-01

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOUTHERN SHORES CIVIC ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR WATER SAMPLING AND REMEDIATION

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Shores Civic Association (SSCA) is a non-profit, non-commercial organization dedicated to promoting the interests and welfare of its members and of the property owners and residents within the Town of Southern Shores; and

**WHEREAS**, membership in the SSCA represents approximately 1,800 households; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSCA retains ownership of numerous common properties including marinas, park areas, and accesses to the ocean and the Currituck Sound/Ginguite Bay, and maintains them as a community resource; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the SSCA properties, Soundview Park located on North Dogwood Trail, is designated as a picnic and wading area; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1998 until 2010 the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) provided seasonal weekly water quality testing of bacteria levels in the Currituck Sound at the Soundview Park site; and

**WHEREAS**, after testing was stopped by NCDMF, the SSCA began re-testing in July 2016 after concerns were raised regarding the health and welfare of its residents and visitors and unsafe enterococci levels were measured during four out of six months; and

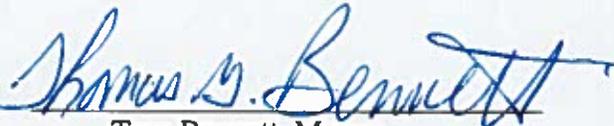
**WHEREAS**, the SSCA has posted signs that swimming and wading are not recommended and although Soundview Park is private property, the waters are a public trust that should be tested in view of the continued high level of bacteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSCA has asked the North Carolina General Assembly to provide the funds necessary for the NCDMF to again sample and analyze the bacteria levels in the Currituck Sound at Soundview Park and for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) to assist in the remediation of the water quality issue.

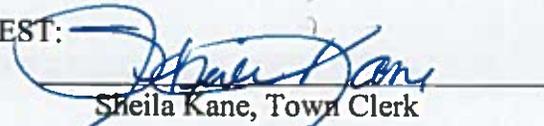
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Southern Shores supports the request of the SSCA that, as a matter of public safety, the North Carolina General Assembly provide the funds necessary for the NCDMF to again sample and analyze the bacteria levels in the Currituck Sound at Soundview Park and for the NCDEQ to assist in the remediation of the water quality issue.

Adopted this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of



  
Tom Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk