

RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 599
INLET STABILIZATION PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Dare County supports responsible and environmentally sound shoreline management solutions, and

WHEREAS, the beaches of North Carolina are national treasures and one of North Carolina's most precious natural resources that provide recreational opportunities for all North Carolina residents and visitors worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the beaches of North Carolina contribute millions of tourism dollars to the State of North Carolina; the coastal counties and towns of North Carolina heavily depend upon the economic vitality of the beach communities for tourism revenue and critical tax base; and

WHEREAS, beach erosion is one of the most serious challenges facing the North Carolina coastline, affecting millions of dollars of public and private infrastructure and thousands of homes, thereby threatening a vital part of the State's coastal economy; and

WHEREAS, unstabilized inlets contribute significantly to the erosion along the beaches of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, inlet management strategies would protect wildlife habitat, wetlands, sound and creek environments while creating more stable, safer and beautiful beaches; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has constructed terminal groins as an inlet management tool at the same time ensuring proper consideration of environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 599 discusses two (2) pilot projects, Dare County strongly supports the construction of pilot projects for terminal groin structures as well as jetties along the entire coast of North Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dare County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the passage of Senate Bill 599 to protect the shorelines of North Carolina and supports the construction of terminal groin and jetty pilot projects along the entire coast of North Carolina. Dare County strongly encourages every member of the North Carolina General Assembly to vote in favor of this bill to protect the coast of North Carolina.

This 19th day of May, 2008.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk