

**RESOLUTION 16-04**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTRUCTING THE “CENTRAL REACH PROJECT”**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina is primarily a barrier island community bounded by the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the South, the Shallotte Inlet to the West, and the Lockwood Folly Inlet to the East; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach is in possession of permits necessary to perform beach nourishment for that portion of the beach referred to in the Town’s Beach Management Plan as the Central Reach Project (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, said permits’ expiration dates and requirements make it necessary to follow a timetable that will provide for beach nourishment during the winter of 2016/2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Project” will represent the largest beach fill project in Holden Beach history and will place up to 1.31 million cubic yards along 4.1 miles of shoreline from 240 Ocean Boulevard East to 781 Ocean Boulevard West; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Project” requires a series of interrelated, certain and expeditious actions be performed in order to achieve the desired outcome of placing sand on the beach during the requisite environmental window at a cost as yet to be fully determined; and

**WHEREAS**, actions required to enable placement of sand for the “Project” include but are not limited to development of final engineering designs and specifications, determination and approval of funding by the Holden Beach Board of Commissioners and the Local Government Commission, numerous bidding, contracting and negotiations with prospective contractors, coordination with state/federal agencies in addition to coordination of various relevant administrative actions necessary to make the “Project” a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach is desirous of constructing the “Project” for the purposes of storm damage protection, habitat creation and environmental protection in addition to perpetuating and providing increased recreation and tourism related opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s approved Beach Management Plan has articulated the “Project” as a critical and primary component of the Town of Holden Beach’s strand management strategies for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, based on current understanding of financial market conditions, geopolitical realities of the dredging industry, recent success of similar beach nourishment projects and low oil prices, it is believed that the timing of the “Project” may be optimal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach that it is in the best interest of the Town of Holden Beach to construct the “Project” as a matter of the highest priority and hereby directs the Town Manager to make all necessary arrangements and take required actions as appropriate by law for its successful completion.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

ATTEST:

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J. Alan Holden, Mayor

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Heather Finnell, Town Clerk