

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
OPPOSING THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL**

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Bald Head Island (“Village”) appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to work in conjunction with the Village Shoreline Protection Committee to study and make recommendations concerning the proposed North Carolina International Terminal (“NCIT”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed NCIT would involve construction of an intermodal shipping container terminal for ocean going vessels at Southport, North Carolina, including shipping channel (“Channel”) deepening and widening in the vicinity of Bald Head Island; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee attended public hearings; reviewed studies and documents from the North Carolina State Ports Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) and other stakeholders regarding the NCIT; and conducted a survey of Island property owners and residents regarding the NCIT; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee and Shoreline Protection Committee provided information and recommendations to the Village Council regarding the NCIT which have been duly considered; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee and Shoreline Protection Committee strongly recommend the adoption of the herein Resolution; and

WHEREAS, opposition to the NCIT is overwhelmingly supported by local residents and communities, including Bald Head Island (“BHI”) residents, and local property owners residing in other municipalities throughout North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, BHI has been severely damaged since 2000, if not before, by accelerated beach and protective shoal erosion caused by expansion and continuing maintenance of the navigation Channel serving the Port of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, documented damage to BHI includes adverse environmental impact on the unique area ecologies, habitat loss, and permanent loss of Island infrastructure, public beaches and private property; and

WHEREAS, Mitigation programs promised by the USACE and the State of North Carolina in conjunction with the 2000 expansion of the navigation Channel have not been funded or completed; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has not allocated funds for the USACE scheduled 2010-2011 maintenance dredging of the Channel, which would provide sand to BHI under the Channel Project's Sand Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, further expansion of the shipping Channel is certain to exacerbate the rate and extent of damage to BHI and its unique ecosystems, as well as to the thousands of acres of adjacent natural areas under the care and protection of state and federal authorities; and

WHEREAS, the premises underlying the NCIT project appear flawed, as current cost estimates are unrealistically low and resultant jobs creation and economic benefits are overstated; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts are beyond quantification and not realistically capable of mitigation. Increased light, air, sound, and water pollution, as well as security issues at the adjacent Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant and Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, would result from the NCIT; and


WHEREAS, the annual transport of many thousands or millions of shipping containers would be unduly disruptive and harmful to many Brunswick County communities; and

WHEREAS, the highly desirable natural resource-based recreation, tourism, and retirement nature of the Brunswick County coast would be lost forever to the citizens of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Bald Head Island that:

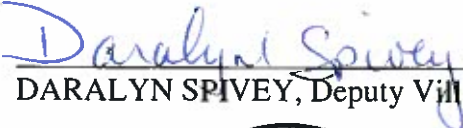
1. The Village opposes further study or construction of the NCIT.
2. The Village urges the General Assembly and Agencies of North Carolina to:
 - a. fund all unaddressed and outstanding mitigation commitments made in support of the 2000 Channel;
 - b. find and fund a solution to Channel-caused erosion of state-owned BHI beaches and protective shoals; and
 - c. maximize the performance of the existing Wilmington Harbor Project.

Adopted by the Village of Bald Head Island Council on this the 18th day of June, 2010.



J. ANDREW SAYRE, Mayor

ATTESTED:



DARALYN SPIVEY, Deputy Village Clerk

