

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WASTE AND ENCOURAGE THE CERTIFICATION OF OCEAN FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS

Resolution No. 18-03

WHEREAS, the protection of Dare County's and the Town of Duck's beaches and waterways is vital to the current and future residents of Dare County and the Town of Duck; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Dare County – specifically, its tourism base and fishing industry – is dependent on maintaining a pollution free environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has previously expressed support for reduction of single-use plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, plastic debris continues to be harmful to the overall environment and beauty of North Carolina's barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, plastic debris negatively affects the overall quality of life for residents and visitors as well as health of land and marine organisms; and

WHEREAS, the Plastic Ocean Project organization has initiated a certification program for shops and restaurants that pledge to reduce the use of plastic straws and bags; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to support this program and to support the reduction of plastic pollution in the Town of Duck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, that the Town Council of the Town of Duck, North Carolina, does hereby support efforts by local businesses to reduce single-use plastic debris generated by said businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council encourages businesses to become certified by the Plastic Ocean Project as Ocean Friendly Establishments by committing to reduce the use of single-use plastic products such as straws and plastic bags.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk

