

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING
FOR
NORTH CAROLINA'S COASTAL STUDIES INSTITUTE

Whereas North Carolina is blessed with a long and beautiful shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean;

Whereas the bounty of the Atlantic Ocean waters, and inland estuarine waters, and saltwater marshes represent a treasure which needs to be better understood by coastal scientists, residents and the many visitors to the State's shorelines;

Whereas the University of North Carolina system of collaboration by multiple institutions and resources is the appropriate entity to conduct the needed studies of these natural resources in order maximize our understanding of the eco-systems for future preservation and for more efficient and wiser present uses;

Whereas the Coastal Studies Institute was established in 2002 as a program allowing such collaboration, resource sharing and research program initiation and enhancement for the benefit of local residents, visitors from all over the world, and indeed the Nation;

Whereas the Coastal Studies Institute is now conducting a varied set of programs and studies to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the coast of North Carolina and its ocean ecosystems, and with additional funding could be conducting studies of great potential long-range benefit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Dare County Board of Commissioners supports appropriations from the General Assembly of North Carolina which will allow expansion of the important studies and programs of the Coastal Studies Institute for the greater benefit to all North Carolinians and which will fund the construction of the facilities necessary to provide such programs.

Adopted this the 21st day of May 2007.

Dare County Board of Commissioners

Chairman

Attest: _____