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RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING VOLUNTARY ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE STRAWS

WHEREAS, according to information from the Skip the Straw Project, every year, the U.S. uses enough straws to wrap around the earth 2.5 times; and

WHEREAS, about 90 percent of trash in the ocean is plastic, plastic straws are among the top five items collected on the beaches every year, and plastic straws are dangerous for sea life; and

WHEREAS, according to the Oak Island Environmental Advisory Committee, there are 53 Oak Island establishments that potentially use straws; and

WHEREAS, currently, only five Oak Island businesses are listed on the Ocean-friendly Establishments website; and

WHEREAS, there are now many alternatives to single-use plastic straws, and customers can even carry their own reusable straw;

WHEREAS, eliminating single-use straws is an easy way to make a real difference in the amount of trash that finds its way onto our beaches and into the ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee is taking on an educational campaign to encourage more businesses to voluntarily eliminate single-use straws from their establishments and it is fitting for the Town to support such efforts with a formal Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oak Island Town Council hereby encourages businesses to voluntarily eliminate single-use straws from their establishment. The Oak Island Town Council further encourages individuals to also avoid single-use straws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oak Island Town Council extends appreciation to the Environmental Committee for efforts to educate area businesses on this small change that can make a big difference.

Adopted this the 8th day of November, 2022.

Mayor S. Elizabeth White

Attested: _____

Lisa P. Stites, MMC

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