



**Resolution in Support of the Scheduled Referendum to Increase
the Brunswick County Sales Tax Rate**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has authorized county board of commissioners across the State of North Carolina to levy a one-quarter cent (1/4 cent) county sales and use tax, contingent on an advisory referendum in which the majority of those casting ballots voted for the levy of the tax; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Commissioners have identified that funds are not available from local tax revenues to provide the beach projects needed to ensure that the county’s beach and island property values are protected; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Education has identified over \$100 million of school facility repair, renovation and construction needs in the school system; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Commissioners have identified that funds are not available from local tax revenues to provide the needed facility repairs, renovations and construction of the schools; and

WHEREAS, without an additional source of funding to protect the beaches and provide educational facilities, ad valorem (property tax) revenues are insufficient at the current tax rate and the Board of Commissioners are committed to maintaining a low tax rate; and

WHEREAS, a one-quarter cent county sales and use tax would share the burden of funding for beach and school infrastructure projects between county residents and visitors alike, including those visitors who come for the day and those that live, work and play here all year; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax rate of all neighboring counties is higher than the Brunswick County rate of 6.75%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Sunset Beach Town Council** endorses the idea of the sales tax increase instead of an ad valorem tax increase to meet these unfunded needs, and encourages the citizens of Brunswick County to vote their approval in the scheduled referendum on May 6th.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2014

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Ronald Watts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa H. Anglin, Town Clerk