



**Proclamation  
of the  
Vesta Blockade Runner**

**WHEREAS**, the history of any community is an important part of its identity,  
and

**WHEREAS**, the rich history of Sunset Beach, formerly known as Bald Beach,  
should be known to all who reside here, and

**WHEREAS**, during the War Between the States, this area was part of the  
conflict, and

**WHEREAS**, blockade runners were significant factors for both sides during the  
conflict, and

**WHEREAS**, the blockade runner Vesta was run aground at Bald Beach on  
January 11, 1864, and

**WHEREAS**, this incident became a part of the history of what is now Sunset  
Beach.

**THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** the Town Council for the Town of  
Sunset Beach proclaims 2014 as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vesta Blockade Runner  
which ran aground near the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier on January 11, 1864.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

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Ronald Watts, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa H. Anglin, Town Clerk