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March 18, 2009

Dr. Jeffrey J. Crow, Deputy Secretary
North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
Office of Archives and History
4610 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4610

Re: *Resolution Supporting the Identification of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area Spits and Inlet Beaches as Traditional Cultural Properties*

Dear Dr. Crow:

At their March 9, 2009 meeting, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution.

The Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners supports and joins the efforts of the Outer Banks Preservation Association, the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association and the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club to recognize the inlet and spit areas and adjoining areas of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area as a Traditional Cultural Property as a potential candidate for the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Pam Riddick
Administrative Specialist

Copies to: Senator Marc Basnight Representative Timothy Spear
 Senator Richard Burr Representative Bill Owens
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 Dare County Local Municipalities
 Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore
 James Keene, President, Outer Banks Beach Buggy Association
 Hyde County Board of Commissioners



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Land Where Flight Began

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION OF CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE RECREATION AREA SPITS AND INLET BEACHES AS TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Bodie Island Spit and adjoining beaches, Cape Point and adjoining beaches, South Point of Hatteras and adjoining beaches, and the North and South Point of Ocracoke Island and adjoining beaches are held in importance by Outer Banks communities and their use is central to maintaining the traditional life ways and identities to these communities; and

WHEREAS, these landscapes and their historic patterns of use have helped maintain the traditional identity of the Outer Banks communities and have helped to shape these communities through long standing use of the beach landscapes; and

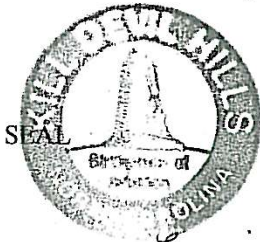
WHEREAS, the surf zone has traditionally sustained the island economy and culture, whether by commercial seine net dory fishing, recreational fishing or the various tourism related activities, all have been and remain connected to access to the surf zone by personal motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, these traditional activities in the surf zone have been occurring for more than fifty years and have been and remain an important part of the traditions, lifestyle and economy of the islands upon which they are located; and

WHEREAS, these landscapes comprise the traditional realm between island home and the sea, they transcend heritage and economy, and they provide island folk with a profound sense of place and function to help sustain the collective identity of their communities and their people; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners support the efforts of the Outer Banks Preservation Association, the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association and the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club and joins in their request that the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office recognize the inlet and spit areas and adjoining beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area as a Traditional Cultural Property potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and provide a Study List Application as a first step towards a formal National Register of Historic Places eligibility determination.

This the 9th day of March 2009.



Mary E. Quidley
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Raymond P. Sturza, II
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