

# RESOLUTION HONORING HOWARD VARNAM

## WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, for the last 37 years, Howard Varnam has been a dedicated public servant with the US Army Corps of Engineers in the Wilmington District and has received numerous awards for his outstanding work and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard was instrumental, among many other things, in assisting the NCDOT Ferry Division in surveying emergency routes when the Oregon Inlet Bridge was closed; in the deployment of dredges on numerous occasions to keep the area channels open; in implementing unique dredging techniques when other traditional dredges were unavailable; in dredging various channels when private contractors were not available; in his assistance to Dare County and NCDOT in the replacement efforts for the Oregon Inlet Bridge; and in his tireless efforts and assistance in closing the breach at Frisco after Hurricane Isabel; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his long and noteworthy career, as evidenced above, Howard has been especially important and supportive to the navigational needs of Dare County fishermen, including stationing a survey team in Wanchese; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his recent retirement, Dare County is losing an invaluable ally, advocate, public servant and friend; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dare County Commissioners believe that the efforts of Howard Varnam make Dare County a better place for its citizens, visitors and users of the Dare County waterways, including commercial fishermen whose livelihoods are dependent upon access to and from the Atlantic Ocean; and recognizing that these efforts deserve recognition and acclaim, the Dare County Commissioners adopt this resolution to express their appreciation for his many years of work and service on behalf of the people of Dare County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dare County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and thanks Howard Varnam for his many years of service to the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of Dare County and expresses their best wishes as he begins his well deserved retirement.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

Dare County Board of Commissioners

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Warren Iudge, Chairman