

## **Town of Plymouth**

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION AND REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR HARBOR TOWNS, INC.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10**

WHEREAS, Harbor Towns, Inc. has commissioned and accomplished a review of our town's existing waterfront and dock infrastructure assets and the waterfront and dock infrastructure current conditions and assets of the four other Albemarle Sound Harbor Towns to identify needed and appropriate improvements to our respective town waterfront and dock infrastructure and needed and appropriate improvements for other towns; and,

WHEREAS, Harbor Towns, Inc. has shared with us the improvements in our waterfront and dock infrastructure and assets recommended by this review; and,

WHEREAS, having waterfront and dock infrastructure improvements and assets in place would be beneficial to our residents, local boaters and water enthusiasts, statewide boaters and water enthusiasts, many of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway vessels annually traveling north and south along the eastern end of the Albemarle Sound, and other tourists and visitors across North Carolina and beyond who do and will come to our town and use and enjoy our town waterfront and docks; and,

WHEREAS, having these waterfront and dock infrastructure improvements and assets at all five Harbor Towns — Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Columbia, and Plymouth — would be beneficial throughout the Albemarle Sound region as doing so would enable the Albemarle Sound region to become the first North Carolina destination harbor similar to the best of Padanaram Harbor, Massachusetts; Fort Myers, Florida; Gowanus Bay, New York; Hilton Head Harbors, South Carolina; and Charleston Harbor, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, increased boat traffic and additional tourists and visitors coming to our towns and the entire Albemarle Sound region will result in significant regional economic benefits including, but not limited to, additional direct employment and career opportunities, additional indirect employment, increased tourism spending, greater sales tax revenue, and other benefits and opportunities for our towns, our citizens, our businesses, and our entrepreneurs; and,

WHEREAS, Harbor Towns, Inc. has offered to respectfully assemble and submit a regional grant proposal to the Golden LEAF Foundation for funding to pay for these waterfront and dock infrastructure improvements at all five Harbor Towns,

## NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That the Town of Plymouth wishes to participate and be included in the regional Golden LEAF grant proposal being assembled and submitted by Harbor Towns, Inc., and

Be it further resolved, our town supports and encourages the participation of the other four Harbor Towns in the Albemarle Sound region in the Golden LEAF grant proposal being assembled and submitted by Harbor Towns, Inc. for funding to also accomplish the needed waterfront and dock infrastructure improvements.

Adopted this the 11th day of April, 2023 at the Town of Plymouth Council Meeting in Plymouth, North Carolina with a vote of 5-0.

Brian A. Roth Mayor

ATTEST:



Dorenda Wallace Town Clerk