

Resolution 2023-11

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves up to \$7 in recovery costs; and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for communities to fully address the challenge of flooding and sea level rise, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise that invest in and protect our coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Flood Coalition is a no-cost forum for best practices and source of support in developing local and state-level responses to flooding and sea level rise that will enhance resilience effort; and

WHEREAS, flooding and sea level rise are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on flooding challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid the Town of Oriental's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues; and

WHEREAS, working with the American Flood Coalition will build upon the Town's efforts with the NC Office of Resiliency and Recovery (NCORR) and its Regions Innovating for Strong Economies & Environment (RISE) program and other resiliency efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oriental finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of our residents and ensure the prosperity of Oriental's economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL:

The Town of Oriental recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the residents and businesses.

Adopted this the 11th day of July, 2023 by the Town of Oriental

Mayor Sally T. Belangia

ATTEST

Diane H. Miller, Clerk to the Board.