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PROCLAMATION

Declaring February 13, 2023

“Young Waterfowlers’ Day” in Carteret County

WHEREAS, the Core Sound region of Carteret County has for centuries been a haven for migratory waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the cultural history of Down East Carteret County has embraced this natural resource with its own waterfowling traditions, evolving from waterfowl hunting as subsistence, to market hunting, to the grand days of guiding and carving for the great hunt clubs of Core Banks, and

WHEREAS, these traditions have evolved over the generations to become part of today’s heritage of families Down East, and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2022 fathers, mothers, sons and daughters from Down East celebrated these traditions at the 2022 Youth Hunt at Mattamuskeet Ventures near the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, and

WHEREAS, the weekend turned tragic as six Core Sound residents were lost in a plane crash offshore Core Banks, and

WHEREAS, those lost included the young lives of Noah Styron, Jake Taylor, Daily Shepherd and Kole McInnis along with the lives of Stephanie Fulcher and Hunter Parks, and

WHEREAS, the impact of this tragedy touched the lives of people from across the nation but most especially the families and friends of these Down East residents, and

WHEREAS, the lives of these young men and their families reflected the values of carrying-on family traditions of waterfowl hunting and conservation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Carteret County Commissioners acknowledges the tremendous loss incurred on February 13, 2022, and


WHEREAS, the people of Carteret County will never forget the outpouring of love and concern for the families that continues to this day, and

WHEREAS, the importance of these traditions remains a treasured legacy of generations of young waterfowlers among Core Sound communities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, Monday, February 13, 2023 as “Young Waterfowlers’ Day.”

ADOPTED, this 9th day of January 2023.

ATTEST:



Lori R. Turner, Clerk



Mark Mansfield, Vice-Chairman

