

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, though golf carts are the primary means of transportation for Islanders, visitors, and guests, they are not an acceptable mode of transportation for children, teenagers, or adults who do not have a valid State driver's license; and

**WHEREAS**, each year there are approximately 15,000 golf cart related accidents that require emergency room treatment for the driver and occupants. Tragically, there is one golf cart related death occurring every week within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, children are at the highest risk of being fatally injured in a golf cart related accident. Sadly, children are injured in one third of all golf cart-related accidents and the average rate of traumatic brain injuries among these children is more than three times higher that of adults injured in golf cart-related accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of North Carolina, if a golf cart is to be operated on the streets, highways or public vehicular areas, it is considered a motor vehicle and subject to all laws, rules and regulations that govern motor vehicles, including licensure requirements; and

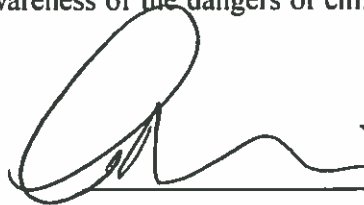
**WHEREAS**, it is fitting during the summer months, when children are out of school, on vacation, and busy outdoors, to create awareness and to warn parents and the general public about the dangers of children operating golf carts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Quinn, Mayor of the Village of Bald Head Island, do hereby proclaim the month of July as

## *Golf Cart Safety Awareness Month*

on Bald Head Island, and ask all citizens, visitors, and guests to know the laws restricting who can operate a golf cart and to create greater public awareness of the dangers of children driving and being passengers in golf carts.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.



Peter Quinn  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Darcy Sperry  
Village Clerk