



PROCLAMATION # 2025- 0402

# Proclamation

## Two Lights for Tomorrow

WHEREAS, the Village of Bald Head Island recognizes the importance of commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a milestone that embodies our nation's founding ideals of equality, liberty, and justice; and

WHEREAS, on the night of April 18-19, 1775, Paul Revere undertook a perilous midnight ride to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the impending British troop movements, a pivotal moment that helped ignite the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Revere's famous ride was preceded by the hanging of two lanterns in the Old North Church steeple, signaling "two if by sea" to indicate the British approach by water, a code that has become an enduring symbol of American vigilance and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Revere's journey alerting local militia and citizens exemplifies the spirit of community and shared responsibility that has defined our nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Revere and fellow riders William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott led to the Battles of Lexington and Concord, marking the beginning of armed conflict in the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina pledges its support of the America 250 NC Commemoration and encourages participation in community events and programs that promote patriotism, unity, and reflection on our collective history; and

WHEREAS, the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative, a nationwide campaign to commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States of America, unites us in remembrance of our shared history, honoring the sacrifices made by those who fought for our independence and the values we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, as part of the national initiative "Two Lights for Tomorrow," the Village of Bald Head Island and the Old Baldy Foundation will display two lights on the porch at Village Hall and atop the Old Baldy Lighthouse on April 18, 2025, to honor and draw inspiration from Paul Revere's historic ride, to unite Americans in reflection, celebration, and service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Quinn, Mayor of the Village of Bald Head Island, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2025, as "Two Lights for Tomorrow Day" in the Village of Bald Head Island and encourage all citizens to take part in this symbolic display by prominently displaying two lights for all to see.

**ADOPTED THIS the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.**



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Peter Quinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Darcy Sperry, Village Clerk