

**PROCLAMATION**

**BY THE**

**DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**WHEREAS** the need for a literate citizenry in Dare County has increased with the expanded labor market; and

**WHEREAS** many Dare County citizens experience literacy issues that impact severely on their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents of our community; and

**WHEREAS** according to the North Carolina Literacy Council, 22% of North Carolina's adults experience literacy issues that impact severely on their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents of our State; and

**WHEREAS** according to the North Carolina Literacy Council, North Carolina's community colleges, literacy councils, libraries and community-based organizations provided basic skills and literacy services to 162,000 people across the State in 2003-2004; and

**WHEREAS** Children and Youth Partnership for Dare County, Dare County Libraries, Dare County Schools, College of the Albemarle and the Outer Banks Family YMCA collaborate with the Dare Literacy Council to provide guidance and resources to those wishing to improve literacy in their own or someone else's life; and

**WHEREAS** the promotion of a literate population should be a primary goal of every governmental unit;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that September 2005 be proclaimed "LITERACY MONTH" in Dare County, and all fellow citizens are challenged to become invested in making the eradication of illiteracy in Dare County a reality.

**This 6th day of September, 2005.**

**DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BY: Chairman