

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FUNDING TO IMPROVE PATHWAYS AND ISSUES OF ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE PUBLIC AT THE ELIZABETHAN GARDENS

WHEREAS, The Elizabethan Gardens, established in 1953 as a non-profit, public garden, has gained international acclaim and become a significant historical, cultural, educational and scientific resource for Dare County and the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The Elizabethan Gardens is a major tourist attraction for Roanoke Island, Dare County and northeastern North Carolina, visited by over 150,000 guests each year; and

WHEREAS, The Elizabethan Gardens is the only major attraction on Roanoke Island that does not receive an annual appropriation from the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Remediation and improvement of approximately one mile of pathways, walks, and access areas can help insure sustainability of this valuable resource and assure that it may be enjoyed by future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS support The Elizabethan Gardens' request for state assistance for improvements of pathways to insure safe access and convenience for the visiting public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dare County Board of Commissioners does hereby respectfully request help from Senator Marc Basnight, Representative Tim Spear and the North Carolina Department of Transportation to secure the required funding.

This 2nd Day of September, 2008.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk