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## PROCLAMATION Rip Current Awareness Week June 6-12, 2010

**WHEREAS**, according to National Weather Service and U.S. Lifesaving Association records, there have been at least 22 fatalities due to rip currents along the North Carolina coast since 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Lifesaving Association, more than 2,100 people have been rescued from rip currents by lifeguards along North Carolina beaches since 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of North Carolina citizens and visitors enjoy the ocean beaches each season, and inexperienced swimmers on unguarded beaches need to be especially aware of the hazard of rip currents; and

**WHEREAS**, people are more likely to protect themselves when they know what to do when they are affected by rip currents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Emerald Isle's public safety personnel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sea Grant and National Weather Service, and concerned citizens continue to promote rip current safety with signs, rip current forecasts, and other educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, June 6-12, 2010, has been designated National Rip Current Awareness Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Arthur B. Schools, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle, do hereby proclaim June 6-12, 2010, as "RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK" in Emerald Isle and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of rip currents and how to stay safe.

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Arthur B. Schools, Jr., Mayor