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## PROCLAMATION Honoring the Emerald Isle Garden Club

**Whereas**, Garden clubs work to study in all its aspects, the art of gardening, to encourage environmental improvement through civic development, beautification, restoration, and the protection of natural resources; and to assist in educating the youth of our state in the areas of garden club activity; and

**Whereas**, since its inception September 2, 1986, the members of the Emerald Isle Garden Club have volunteered countless hours to learning the latest gardening techniques, and to inform others about the benefits of gardening, as well as spearheading numerous special projects to benefit not only Emerald Isle but surrounding areas of our County; and

**Whereas**, the Emerald Isle Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1945 adopted and began the Blue Star Memorial Program as a way to honor all men and women serving in the United States Armed Services during World War II, and now includes all men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the United States Armed Services. The Blue Star Highway marker system now covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii; and

**Whereas**, on this date, November 11, 2015, at 11am, also fittingly being Veterans Day, the Emerald Isle Garden Club successfully accomplished their goal of applying for and providing for a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker to be placed on Highway 58 in Emerald Isle to recognize the service and sacrifices from all branches of our Nation's Armed Forces; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, staff, and citizens of Emerald Isle wish to express their sincere appreciation for the important contributions made by the Emerald Isle Garden Club throughout the years; as well as this most recent significant accomplishment of bringing to the Town of Emerald Isle, a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Eddie Barber, Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle, in the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim and declare today **"Emerald Isle Garden Club Day"** honoring the members of the Emerald Isle Garden Club for their dedicated efforts to beautify our Town and make it an even better place to live, work, and visit.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the Town of Emerald Isle to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

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Mayor Eddie Barber