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PROCLAMATION
Deck Safety Month in Emerald Isle
MAY 2016

Whereas, decks are the perfect place to enjoy warm weather, ocean breezes, and fun times making memories with friends and loved ones; and

Whereas, a poorly maintained or unsafe deck could possibly collapse, causing serious injuries to you and your guests;

Whereas, the experts at the North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) recommend homeowners consider having a professional deck inspection and offer a “10-Point Consumer Safety Checklist” located on their official website at <http://bit.ly/NADRA10PointConsumerChecklist> as an efficient way to know whether your deck needs maintenance, repair or replacement; and

Whereas, the NADRA also notes that older decks require closer scrutiny and regular inspections as many decks were built before code requirements were established to protect consumers. NADRA also states that some older decks may have deck-to-house attachments using only nails instead of the current recommended construction using deck tension hardware that greatly helps in the prevention of ledger failures; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle in an effort to promote visitor and resident safety partnered with the 7 vacation rental management companies in 2015 to initiate a mandatory deck inspection program for the more than 1,500 vacation rental units managed by these companies in Emerald Isle; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle shares the goals of the NADRA to increase public awareness of the necessity for regular inspection and maintenance of existing decks and proper installation of new decks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie Barber, Mayor of Emerald Isle hereby proclaim the month of **May 2016 as Deck Safety Month in Emerald Isle**. The Town of Emerald Isle and its vacation rental management companies are working hard to promote deck safety, and we also remind our visitors to be mindful of the number of guests occupying a deck structure. Lifelong family and group memories are made every day in Emerald Isle, and we encourage everyone to document these memories with safety in mind!

Proclaimed this 12th day of April, 2016.

Eddie Barber, Mayor