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**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Travel & Tourism Week**  
**"Travel '16"**  
**May 1 – May 7, 2016**

**Whereas**, travel matters to the nation's economic prosperity and its image abroad, to business wealth and to individual travelers;

**Whereas**, travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating \$1.8 trillion in economic output in 2010, with \$759 billion spent directly by travelers that spurred an additional \$1 trillion in other industries;

**Whereas**, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 14.1 million jobs in 2010, including 7.4 million directly in the travel industry and 6.7 million in other industries;

**Whereas**, travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$117 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs;

**Whereas**, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity, relationships and wellness;

**Whereas**, travel is a catalyst that moves the national economy forward;

**Now Therefore**, I, Eddie Barber, Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle do hereby proclaim the period of **May 1 – May 7, 2016** as **Travel and Tourism Week – "Travel '16"**, and I call upon the citizens of the Town of Emerald Isle to join me in observance of this week with appropriate events and commemorations.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the Town of Emerald Isle to be affixed this 12th day of April, 2016.

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Eddie Barber, Mayor