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**Proclamation  
Emerald Isle Baptist Church  
25th Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, May 7, 2017**

**Whereas**, the congregation of the Emerald Isle Baptist Church will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on Sunday, May 7, 2017; and

**Whereas**, Emerald Isle Baptist Church was originally started in 1992 as a mission church under the leadership of Keith Hamilton, Director of Missions, for the Atlantic Baptist Association; and

**Whereas**, the first service was held in an oceanfront building near the Islander Motel on April 12, 1992 with Dr. Curt Finch serving as Pastor; and

**Whereas**, in January 1995 church services were relocated to the Emerald Isle Town Hall along with the initial 37 people who had joined the church as watchcare members, with children's church also starting at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Center; and

**Whereas**, with the average attendance approaching 150 people, in April 1996 a one acre lot was purchased in front of Emerald Plantation Shopping Center with the first service being held in its new and current location in November 1997; and

**Whereas**, through the years as the church continued to grow in members a new education building and fellowship hall were constructed in 2000, with the most recent construction to enlarge the work area of the church taking place in 2008; and

**Whereas**, in 2003 Dr. Curt Finch ended his pastorate, and the congregation welcomed their first full-time pastor Rev. Freddie Braswell; and

**Whereas**, we give pause, honor and praise this day for the deep and abiding Christian commitment of those who in faith began this work, and for all those who have given so unselfishly during these many years to help the church family grow and thrive, providing a valuable contribution to our community;

**Now, therefore**, I, Eddie Barber, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, May 7, 2017 as the "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Emerald Isle Baptist Church"**, and extend this expression of our esteem and best wishes to the members of this congregation on this memorable occasion, offering our congratulations and appreciation for 25 years of faithful Christian service and outreach to the Emerald Isle community.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the Town of Emerald Isle to be affixed this **7<sup>th</sup>** day of **May, 2017**.

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Eddie Barber, Mayor