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Proclamation
Honoring "A Second Helping - Emerald Isle"
Food Donation Program

Whereas, "A Second Helping – Emerald Isle" is a community supported program spearheaded by George Gardner and implemented in Emerald Isle in the summer of 2014 in order to collect leftover food from vacationers as they leave the island in an effort to help feed the hungry in our community and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, since the program's inception through the end of the summer 2017 a conservative estimate of 30,000+ pounds of food that may have easily gone to waste has been generously donated and has greatly benefited the hungry; and

Whereas, food collected through "A Second Helping – Emerald Isle" Food Donation Program has been provided to and distributed by White Oak Ecumenical Outreach Ministries to those in need, and in future years will also be provided to The Store House Food Pantry in Morehead City, NC in an effort to reach all who would benefit; and

Whereas, our entire community, and the surrounding areas of Carteret and Onslow Counties have benefited from the more than 80 volunteers each summer both young and old who have selflessly given of their time for this noble cause; and

Whereas, several Emerald Isle business owners have participated by making their locations available as drop-off locations, assisted in getting the word out to vacationers in order to aid and facilitate the volunteer efforts and purpose of this great program; and

Whereas, "A Second Helping – Emerald Isle, NC" Food Donation Program and the community has benefited greatly from the generosity and compassion of all of the Emerald Isle vacationers who have taken the time to donate their unused food as they leave the island so that it may serve a greater need has been outstanding;

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 honor the services of George Gardner, and all the many volunteers, business owners, and donors for their time and generosity in participating with "A Second Helping – Emerald Isle", also recognizing the difference they have made in the lives of those less fortunate through this Food Donation Program in Emerald Isle.

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 September, 2017.

Eddie Barber, Mayor