



Resolution 26-01

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association

Whereas

- The year 2026 marks the Centennial of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), which has for a century advanced a science-guided commitment to coastal restoration and protection;
- Founded in 1926, the Association's visionary leaders sought to establish a forum “where the novice and he who has long wrestled with these problems can seek more light; where the man of science and the statesman can exchange ideas and collaborate together; where idealist and lover of Nature and the economist can arrive at a mutual understanding; where landscape artist and philanthropist can find an outlet for their activities,” thereby fostering collaboration and innovation for coastal stewardship;
- The critical issues of shore and beach preservation—promoting community protection, a strong economy, ecological health, and recreation—remain as vital in 2026 as they were at the Association’s founding;
- North Carolina’s coastal communities and natural resources have benefited from ASBPA’s work in translating coastal science and engineering, guiding policy, and advocating for resilient shores and beaches over the past century;
- The Town of Holden Beach aims to collaborate with ASBPA to build upon its century of experience in coastal resilience to advocate for solutions that adapt shore and beach projects to future coastal challenges.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved

- The Town of Holden Beach (Town) by and through its Board of Commissioners, commends the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association for its foresight 100 years ago, and its continuing leadership today toward future challenges of coastal science and policy;

- The Town endorses and reaffirms the ASBPA’s founding purpose: to promote the health and physical well-being of the people of this nation through the careful stewardship of our coasts and shores;
- The Town celebrates the Centennial of the ASBPA, honoring a century of shore and beach advocacy and progress;
- The Town renews its commitment to work collaboratively with the ASBPA and all stakeholders for the betterment and preservation of the American coast—for current and future generations;
- The Town extends best wishes to the ASBPA on its 100th Anniversary and recognizes the enduring importance of its mission.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 2026.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk