



RESOLUTION

To Oppose the Federal purchase of land within the Town of Chincoteague

WHEREAS, an Alternative Transportation Study was prepared for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in December 2009 by the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center; and

WHEREAS, several alternative strategies propose to reduce or eliminate personal vehicle use at the current beach front parking lots in favor of a transit shuttle during the peak season; and

WHEREAS, this study and the draft Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) alternatives propose the acquisition of property within the Town of Chincoteague for remote transit parking; and

WHEREAS, a specific 200 acre developed property was identified by the draft CCP that, if acquired with taxpayer money, would end a 30 year old family business; and

WHEREAS, the loss of private investment, jobs and tax revenue would adversely impact the Town of Chincoteague and Accomack County economies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chincoteague completed a questionnaire of over 13,000 summer visitors to the Refuge in 2010 in which over 82% stated they would not return for another visit if transit from a remote parking lot to the beach was provided;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Chincoteague opposes the expansion of National Wildlife Refuge or National Seashore boundaries within the Town of Chincoteague; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Chincoteague requests assistance from our Congressional delegation to assure that such actions do not occur.

ADOPTED on this 5th Day of December, 2011.

I certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of Town of Chincoteague on December 5, 2011.


John H. Tarr, Mayor

Attest:


Robert G. Ritter Jr., Town Manager