

TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

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RESOLUTION #51

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEWEY BEACH TOWN COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FY 1996 BUDGET REQUEST WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BEACH PRESERVATION PROJECTS AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, President Clinton's Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Request contains proposals to introduce legislaton which will eliminate federal financial participation in water projects, including shore erosion control, hurricane and storm damage reduction, and flood control projects not considered to be of "national significance", and all beach nourishment projects nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Dewey Beach has and is continuing to experience serious erosion from natural causes along its ocean and bay fronts; and

WHEREAS, Travel and tourism is the largest industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dewey Beach plays a significant role in that industry attracting thousands of tourists from five neighboring states and as far away as California, Canada, and Europe who come for the beach environment and the recreation benefits associated with it and thereby create innumerable job opportunities and support economic growth; and

WHEREAS, removal of federal participation will drastically impair the State's and Dewey's ability to protect life, land and coastal structures and infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, that the Town of Dewey Beach and its administrators are opposed to any and all reductions of federal participation in shoreline erosion control, hurricane and storm wave damage reduction, and floor control projects. They strongly urge President Clinton to withdraw such legislation and request that should such legislation be introduced, Delaware's U.S. Senators and Representatives oppose it.

Enacted	this	<u>8th</u>	day of	April	, 1995.	
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Attest: William H. Rutherford

Town Clerk