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- WHEREAS,** the commercial shrimp fishery has long been an important economic driver for Pamlico County and its rural communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the global supply of predominantly farm-raised shrimp has reached record highs and has far outstripped global demand; and
- WHEREAS,** US imports of frozen warmwater shrimp nearly doubled from 2013 to 2021 to an unprecedented level of 1.8 billion pounds; and
- WHEREAS;** the influx of imported shrimp in America has resulted in the catastrophic of the domestic Shrimp industry; and
- WHEREAS;** imported shrimp now dominates cold storage, distribution hubs, and the American Market a level that voids the margin of the market the domestic harvesters are able to fulfill; and
- WHEREAS;** the consequences of the inundation of imported shrimp into our markets have caused significant revenue loss and loss of access to the shrimp fishery resource itself, for small family-owned fishing businesses and other supporting businesses; and
- WHEREAS;** if action is not taken, further economic harm and the potential of a complete collapse for the domestic shrimp fisheries are certain.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oriental Mayor and Commissioners urge North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper to consider submitting a request for a fishery resource disaster determination, For North Carolina's shrimp fishery, to the Secretary of Commerce.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

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TOWN MAYOR

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