

## **Town of North Haven**

### **Community Resilience Partnership Municipal Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Haven has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held community workshop(s) on March 27, 29, and 30, 2023 which prioritized the following action areas:

- *Community Education* – Work in collaboration with community partners to share information, resources, and other opportunities to build community resilience by mitigating and adapting to climate change impacts.
- *Freshwater Protection and Management* – Continue to study and implement actions that preserve and enhance the community's freshwater resources from multiple perspectives – drinking water, human recreation, and ecological preservation.
- *Hazard Mitigation* – Continue to study and implement adaptation actions to mitigate vulnerabilities caused by extreme weather, sea level rise, and aging infrastructure.
- *Energy Sustainability* – Work in collaboration with community partners, primarily Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, to help build energy sustainability for North Haven and Vinalhaven that enables cost effective and ecologically sound electrification, allows for localized use of renewable energy generation such as solar and wind power, and promotes energy efficiency and conservation.
- *Nature Based Solutions* – Use nature-based solutions and ecological restoration and protection as a key strategy for achieving priority actions.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Haven experiences coastal flooding, intense rainstorms, drought, and other natural hazards and seeks to better prepare for future conditions;

**WHEREAS**, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters;

**WHEREAS**, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Haven is prepared to demonstrate leadership in reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the resilience of people, infrastructure, and businesses;

**WHEREAS**, addressing climate change will present economic opportunities for the Town of North Haven as well as opportunities to invest in the public good and cost-saving practices;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Haven recognizes that educating members of the community, including public school students, about environmental challenges and the island's finite ecological resources is one of the best ways to sustain our way of life;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of North Haven commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of North Haven designates the Town Administrator to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 by the North Haven Select Board:



Jeremiah MacDonald, Chair

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