

## **RESOLUTION 09-02**

### **Resolution in Support of a Community Bicycle Training Ride**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach North Carolina has recently established an island wide system of bicycle trails; and

**WHEREAS**, cycling is an enjoyable healthy activity in keeping with the Town's family beach theme; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointed members of the Bicycle Task Force along with additional volunteers have discovered an opportunity proposed herein for a "practice ride" that will potentially highlight the town's bicycle trails system on a national level; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed free "practice ride" will have a number of different lengths and routes including a family fun ride featuring our Olden Holden Bike Tour; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Association raises money through its program of 100 sponsored rides at various location across America; and

**WHEREAS**, many avid cyclists train long and hard to participate in these MS sponsored rides; and

**WHEREAS**, May 9, 2009, is one month prior to a major MS sponsored ride in New Bern NC; and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities and suitable venues to practice for these MS sponsored rides are not readily available in Southeastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach is blessed with year round relatively benign weather well suited for a variety of outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach has in addition to its newly minted bicycle trails system an excellent facility in the name of Jordan Boulevard Pavilion along with its associated grounds which are well suited to stage a practice ride from; and

**WHEREAS**, said practice ride is projected to potentially have in excess of 100 riders who would require food and lodging thus supporting and stimulating the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach has a Pavilion Use Policy that restricts reserved use of the Jordan Boulevard Pavilion to Town sponsored events.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach North Carolina do hereby declare their support of the Olden Holden Bicycle Trails Community Practice Ride in Support of MS and authorize the Town Manager to provide general administrative, logistical, public safety and facilities support to the event.

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J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Heather Finnell, Town Clerk