

## RESOLUTION FOR VIRGINIA DARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Island Historical Association was organized in 1932 to celebrate the history of the first English Colonists on Roanoke Island in Dare County; and

WHEREAS, one of the most memorable events associated with those 16<sup>th</sup> century colonists was the birth of Virginia Dare, the first child born to English parents in the New World; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Dare is the "namesake" of Dare County and her place in history has brought attention and prosperity to the "goodliest land under the cope\_of heaven;" and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to memorialize the history of the colonization of the New World by naming the new bridge over Croatan Sound in honor and recognition of the heritage of her birthplace; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Board of Commissioners, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners, the Kitty Hawk Town Council, the Roanoke Island Historical Association, the Roanoke Island Commission and the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce have requested the N.C. Board of Transportation name the bridge in honor of Virginia Dare.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the new bridge over Croatan Sound on U.S. 64/U.S. 264 from the Dare County mainland to Roanoke Island as the *Virginia Dare Memorial Bridge* to honor the significance of her birth on Dare County and eastern North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eighth day of August 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Secretary of Transportation