

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DISCOURAGING THE USE AND RELEASE OF BALLOONS ON ALL PUBLIC BEACHES; INTENDING TO INFORM AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THROUGH EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AND SIGNAGE INFORMING THE PUBLIC AT EACH BEACH LOCATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Sea Turtles commonly mistake deflated balloons as jelly fish, a common prey item; and

WHEREAS, the Loggerhead Marinelife Center has documented hundreds of deflated balloons on local beaches and treated many turtles who ingested marine debris; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County, in an effort to promote the safety and protection of sea turtles, have partnered with the Loggerhead Marinelife Center to discourage the use and release of balloons along the County's beaches; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County intends to provide educational outreach opportunities in partnership with several local environmental organizations and the Loggerhead Marinelife Center; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County will be installing signage at each of the beach parks to inform and notify the public that balloons are discouraged at the County's beaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The use and release of balloons along all beaches is discouraged.

SECTION 2. The County shall strive to educate through informational signage at beaches and additionally cooperate with partner organizations for outreach efforts.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2017.

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners

Daniel B. Leeper
Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

John A. Crawford
Ex-Officio Clerk

Michael S. Mullen
County Attorney