

**TOWN OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH
RESOLUTION TO ERADICATE "BEACH VITEX"**

Whereas, the Town of North Topsail Beach has obtained recommendations from David Nash of the NC Extension Service concerning the plant "Beach Vitex", and

Whereas, Beach Vitex has been found to be a very invasive non-native plant that has been found to exist on Topsail Island; and

Whereas, Beach Vitex grows prolifically and chokes out and kills native plants such as sea oats and bitter panicum; and

Whereas, Beach Vitex creates an environment that is very unfriendly to nesting sea turtles; and

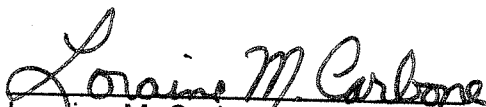
Whereas, Beach Vitex will completely cover a dune and all surrounding open ground, thus eliminating valuable nesting sites for birds dependent upon this habitat; and

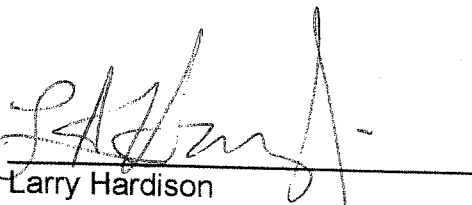
Whereas, Beach Vitex is much less effective as a dune stabilizing plant than sea oats and other native grasses;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of North Topsail Beach does hereby resolve and recommend that Beach Vitex be declared a banned plant by the Town of North Topsail Beach.

Furthermore, be it resolved that all property owners be made aware of the negative effects of Beach Vitex and that each property owner take measures to eliminate this plant on their property.

Adopted this 6th day of July 2006.


Loraine M. Carbone, CMC
Town Clerk


Larry Hardison
Mayor Pro Tem