



**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS
TO FIND CASEY HATHAWAY**

WHEREAS, Casey Hathaway is a 3 year old resident of Craven County, and due to unfortunate circumstances on January 22, 2019, was lost and alone in the woods for 55 hours requiring an extensive search and rescue operation; and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Emergency Services and Craven County Sheriff's Department responded to the 911 call placed by the family; and

WHEREAS, many Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services from communities, towns, and cities throughout Beaufort County, Carteret County, Jones County, Lenoir County, Pamlico County, Pender County, and Pitt County provided numerous resources and manpower; and

WHEREAS, the FBI, the SBI, Intel, the State Highway Patrol, the Coastal Carolina Search Team, the North East Search and Rescue Team, the Neuse Search and Rescue Team and the Center for Missing Children all provided professional support, needed resources, and personnel; and,

WHEREAS, Lenoir County Sheriff Department, Pitt County Sheriff Department, Johnston County Sheriff Department, the Town of River Bend Police Department, Atlantic Beach Police Department, the Cherry Point Police Department and the City of New Bern Police Department provided valuable resources and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the public entities of NC Forestry Service, NC Wildlife, NC Marine Patrol, NC Department of Transportation, NC Department of Public Safety, and the United States Marine Corp all participated by providing unique resources and manpower; and

WHEREAS, several private entities and corporations cooperated in the search and provided resources to facilitate the search and personnel; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-affiliated citizen volunteers were on the ground assisting with the search and rescue, and praying for Casey's safe return; and

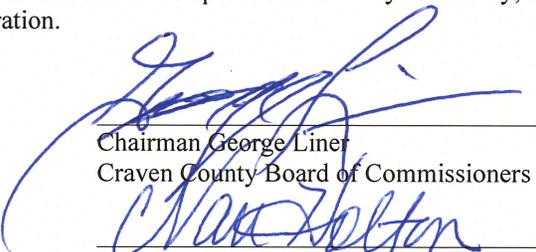
WHEREAS, New Haven Church provided a central location for the volunteers to be fed and rest, many restaurants, businesses and other area churches provided food, beverages and other needed supplies to support and maintain the large volunteer base participating in the search and rescue; and

WHEREAS, around 9 p.m. on January 24th, Casey Hathaway was heard crying out in the woods by a neighbor walking her dog who immediately reported it to the officials; and

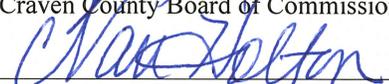
WHEREAS, search and rescue volunteers responded and removed Casey from the tangled underbrush and returned him safely to his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the miraculous outcome of the well-orchestrated efforts conducted during the search and rescue operation for Casey Hathaway; and commends the remarkable outpouring of assistance and cooperation.

Adopted this 18th day of February, 2019.



Chairman George Limer
Craven County Board of Commissioners



Nan Holton, Clerk to the Board