

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES**

**In the Year Two Thousand**

**Resolution 00-11**

**A Resolution upon the one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Seaman's Bank of Provincetown.**

WHEREAS, Seaman's Bank is the oldest thrift institution in Barnstable County, and will soon be celebrating it's 150th year of service to the communities of the Lower Cape;

WHEREAS, It was founded by mariners who knew risk and who often experienced sudden loss at sea and in our boisterous marine environment and who had keen memories of a childhood spent in the middle of a war, ["during the greater part of our late war with Great Britain, (Provincetown) was occupied by the enemy, who kept a strong squadron almost constantly stationed here, enabling him not only to dictate the terms upon which its inhabitants were permitted to exist, but also to cripple our commerce and destroy the property of citizens..."\*];

WHEREAS, Seaman's Bank has often been a major factor in sustaining the people of our peninsula through shipwrecks, economic depression, gales, hurricanes, floods and fires;

WHEREAS, Seaman's Bank has been the mainstay of hundreds of widows and orphans of men lost at sea,;

WHEREAS, Seaman's Bank introduced the concept of organized thrift to immigrants from Portugal, Atlantic Canada and Ireland and it made it possible for them to accumulate capital and fund housing, often for the first time in their family's history; and

WHEREAS, Seaman's Bank has permitted hundreds of thousands of people's dreams to come true.

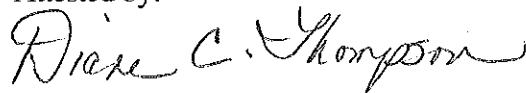
**NOW THEREFORE,**

***BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates Congratulates Seaman's Bank and:***

***DECLARES THE WEEK OF APRIL 15th, 2001, SEAMAN'S BANK WEEK IN BARNSTABLE COUNTY***

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, with Delegates representing 77.77% of the population of Barnstable County present and voting, by a voice vote and no votes opposed at a meeting held on December 20, 2000.

Attested by:



Diane C. Thompson, Clerk  
Assembly of Delegates

\*From a report Upon the Military and Hydrographical Chart of the Extremity of Cape Cod, under the direction of James D. Graham, Major U. S. Corps of Topographical Engineers, Washington, 1835.