

**CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES
2026 Session
Resolution No. 9**

Supporting the non-profit Orleans Historical Society, Inc. and its construction of the Ocean Rescue Museum of Cape Cod to permanently preserve the historic CG36500 motor lifeboat

Whereas, The Orleans Historical Society has been the owner, restorer, and operator of the CG36500 for 45 years (since 1981), and;

Whereas, the CG36500 is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its role in rescuing 32 crew members of the tanker *SS Pendleton* that broke apart off Cape Cod during a ferocious storm in February 1952, and;

Whereas, the *Pendleton* event is still known today as the “greatest small-boat rescue in Coast Guard history,” and;

Whereas, the CG36500 is 80 years old and cannot continue much longer to be properly preserved in the water year-round, and:

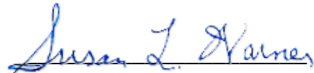
Whereas, the planned Ocean Rescue Museum will promote tourism by preserving the boat indoors and making its inspiring story accessible to the public year-round, and:

Whereas, the Museum will honor the 1626 rescue of the *Sparrow-Hawk* and the ensuing 400-years of lifesaving history on outer Cape Cod, along with the U.S. Coast Guard and its predecessor organizations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Cape Cod Regional Government Assembly of Delegates:

That the Assembly of Delegates supports the Orleans Historical Society and the construction of the Ocean Rescue Museum of Cape Cod as a permanent home for the CG36500 motor lifeboat. The attached letter will be used when applying for grants with the goal of preserving this internationally significant historic vessel and telling its inspiring story to the public for generations to come.

Adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on August 6, 2026.


Susan L. Warner, Speaker

The Assembly of Delegates adopted Resolution No. 9 of the 2026 Session at its regular meeting on August 5, 2026, by a roll call vote with delegates representing 97.12 percent of the population of Barnstable County voting in the affirmative, with delegates representing 2.88 percent of the county’s population absent.