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Mr. Gregory Ferrese City Manager Rehoboth Beach, DE

Dear Mr. Ferrese,

I have accepted an invitation to participate in a July 4<sup>th</sup> Freedom Rally on the beach. After speaking with the event organizer and determining that no arrangements have been communicated with the city, I volunteered to address the matter.

Therefore, I am requesting a permit to have a peaceful assembly on July  $4^{th}$  from 9:30 am to approximately 10:40 am on the beach area just east of the boardwalk at the end of Rehoboth Avenue.

The purpose of this event is to celebrate Freedom on our nation's birthday, remembering its history and our experiences of it. We will seek to honor those who sacrificed to preserve liberty and we will seek to explore a better understanding of the Biblical admonition in Galatian 5:1, "Stand fast in the Liberty". Our celebration is to include music, prayer, testimony and preaching.

We are thankful for that special enumeration of American liberties (as ratified by the States in 1791 in the Bill of Rights); we are exercising many of the First Amendment rights by having a Freedom Rally.

**Amendment I** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

We are also thankful, in advance, for your assistance in helping us exercise these liberties safely, in the beautiful Rehoboth Beach community.

I also humbly request in addition, that parking enforcement be delayed until after our service is concluded.

Respectfully,

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