

For Immediate Release

March 26, 2015

Contact: Evelyn Shotwell, Executive Director

Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce

eshotwell@chincoteaguechamber.com

757-336-6161



**Chincoteague Island Named #2 "America's Coolest Small Town"
by *Budget Travel***

Chincoteague Island, VA— March 26, 2015: *Budget Travel* announced the winners of the 2015 Coolest Small Town in America Contest on March 5. Chincoteague Island finished second out of 15 participants with over 24% of the votes. Voting was extended to March 4 from February 25 due to the tight race between Grand Marais MN and Chincoteague Island VA. "This year's contest had a total of more than 100,000 votes, with loyal *Budget Travel* readers and fans of our nominated towns coming to the site each day since the contest opened on January 21 to click or tap for their favorite town" said contest organizers. Since 2006, *Budget Travel* has celebrated the culture, history, natural beauty, and old fashioned charm of America's small towns like no other publication, with enthusiastic support from hundreds of thousands of readers around the world. Each fall, the contest begins by soliciting online nominations for cool American towns with a population under 10,000. Look for details this fall to nominate Chincoteague Island VA again for 2016.

Budget Travel defines "cool" as an energetic vibe that often combines community spirit with a vibrant arts scene, great food, natural beauty, and unique history. Meet the complete list of top ten winners at: <http://www.budgettravel.com/blog/meet-americas-coolest-small-town-2015,52445/#ixzz3VVPnTNB> Chincoteague will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Budget Travel* including all digital platforms.

Chincoteague Island is home to the 36th Annual Easter Decoy & Art Festival; the 47th Annual Seafood Festival; the 90th Annual Pony Roundup, Swim, Auction and Fireman's Carnival; and the 43rd Annual Oyster Festival. Numerous organizations offer an endless array of events and activities throughout the year to promote the arts, culture, heritage, history, fabulous cuisine, and unparalleled natural beauty.

Plan to visit us soon. Visit www.chincoteaguechamber.com to begin your trip to our amazing small town! We are proud to be "Two Cool".

Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce 6733 Maddox Boulevard Chincoteague, VA 23336

#####