

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR THE CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH

CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC WATER TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, James City County, Virginia, desires to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of America's first permanent English settlement and Captain John Smith's voyages of exploration in the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Captain Smith's exploration of the Lower Chesapeake Bay and tributaries comprised a significant portion of his voyages in 1608, and at the time of Captain Smith's arrival the Lower Chesapeake Bay was home to a substantial population of Virginia Indians whose knowledge and trade goods were essential to the survival of the English settlement at Jamestowne; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed legislation authorizing the National Park Service to study the feasibility of establishing the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail as a unit of the National Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service is currently conducting the trail feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, our community's historic and recreational resources generate economic revenue from heritage tourism and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail would provide an excellent opportunity for the public to learn about Virginia's Indian history, early English settlement, as well as the tributary rivers to the Chesapeake Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, expresses its support for the National Park Service's Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail feasibility study.



Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRISON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
MCGLENNON	AYE
BRADSHAW	AYE
GOODSON	AYE

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 28th day of February, 2006.