

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL PLAN TO

ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, the US. Conference of Mayors have signed a Covenant of Partnership agreeing to collaborate with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and work towards the national initiative to end Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the representatives to the Virginia Peninsula Mayors and Chairs have agreed to deliberately address the issues related to individuals and families who are homeless in our region; and

WHEREAS, on a single night count in January 2005, in excess of 1,000 individuals including adults, children, and families experienced the deleterious effects of chronic and episodic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, no single community among the Virginia Peninsula is immune from managing the burden of responding to individuals who, for a myriad of reasons, are homeless as the result of economics, mental illness, substance abuse, or domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, appointed and elected officials from the Cities of Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, Poquoson, and the Counties of York, James City, Gloucester, and New Kent have met over the past eight months to analyze the scope, depth, and breadth of the challenge of responding to the issue of homelessness on the Virginia Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, these same local officials have created a Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness, which crafted the vision, objectives, and framework for the development of a regional action plan to address the homeless population in our communities; and

WHEREAS, current technology is available to respond effectively to those in our communities with both chronic and episodic experiences of homelessness, even as the resources available require more deliberate and focused application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, authorizes the County Administrator to fully collaborate with the chief executives of adjacent localities on the Virginia Peninsula to jointly adopt and implement the recommendations for the development of a Regional Plan to End Homelessness contained in the Framework for Building a Successful Regional Plan to End Homelessness.

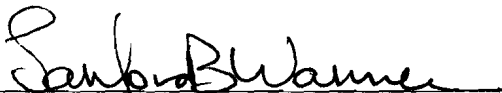
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, will maintain its individual and joint efforts to strategically apply professional expertise and various existing and required resources to effectively end homelessness for adults, children, and families who reside in our communities.



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 24th day of January, 2006.

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