

**RESOLUTION**

**FAMILY DAY - SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

WHEREAS, strong families are the basis of neighborhoods and communities throughout the nation and are the foundation of our just and peaceful society, and every child across James City County, the Commonwealth, and the nation needs and expects parental love and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Colonial Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) conducted teen surveys in 1998, 1999, and 2000 that found teens who ate dinner with their parents six or seven times a week were 20 percent to 30 percent less likely to smoke cigarettes, use illegal drugs, and consume alcohol; and

WHEREAS, eating dinner as a family enhances family unity, involvement, communication, and support, and children from families that regularly eat dinner together are dramatically less likely to use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby proclaim Monday, September 23, Family Day and encourages all citizens to eat dinner with their families.

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James G. Kennedy  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Sanford B. Wanner  
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 10th day of September, 2002.

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