

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2009

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator

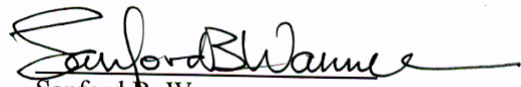
SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the Historic Triangle Civil War Committee for the Commemoration of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War

The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission (the Commission) was created by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2006 in order to oversee the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War in the State. The Commission has requested each locality in Virginia to form a local Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee (Civil War Committee) to assist the Commission with its mission and signature events. The Civil War Committee will orchestrate and promote events at the local level.

As part of America's Historic Triangle, James City County wishes to collaborate with the County of York and the City of Williamsburg for the commemoration. The three jurisdictions of America's Historic Triangle (the jurisdictions) wish to name the Historic Triangle Collaborative (the Collaborative), with the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance (the Alliance) providing staff support to the Collaborative, as the Historic Triangle Civil War Committee in accordance with the Commission's request.

The Historic Triangle Collaborative is composed of the executive leadership of the three Jurisdictions, the Alliance, the College of William & Mary, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation, and Busch Properties, all of which are major stakeholders in the Williamsburg area. The Civil War Committee will also involve other interested parties in the commemorative activities, including the Civil War Trails Program, the National Park Service, the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable, and other local Civil War organizations in the Hampton Roads and the greater Richmond areas.

I recommend adoption of the attached resolution which supports the formation of the proposed Historic Triangle Civil War Committee and outlines its principal activities for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War in Virginia.


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