

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HISTORIC TRIANGLE CIVIL WAR COMMITTEE FOR

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE VIRGINIA SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

- WHEREAS, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission (the Commission) was created by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2006 for the purpose of guiding the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War in Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, 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; and to plan, promote, and coordinate commemorative tours, events, and other activities at the local level; and
- WHEREAS, the Counties of James City and York, and the City of Williamsburg (the Jurisdictions), known jointly as “America’s Historic Triangle,” wish to coordinate their commemorative efforts; and
- WHEREAS, 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; and
- WHEREAS, the Collaborative is composed of the executive leadership of the three Jurisdictions, the Alliance, the College of William and Mary, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation, and Busch Properties; and
- WHEREAS, the Collaborative and Alliance, acting as the Civil War Committee, will involve other interested parties in their work, including the Civil War Trails Program, the National Park Service, the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable, and other local civil war committees in Hampton Roads and the greater Richmond areas; for such purposes as:
- Preserving and interpreting civil war sites and documentation in the Historic Triangle, notably those associated with the 1862 Peninsula Campaign.
 - Creating educational tours, programs, and materials which tell the story of the Civil War in the Historic Triangle.
 - Promoting visitation to the Historic Triangle and developing long-term tourism assets and identity.
 - Building community understanding and cultural discovery through appreciation of our shared history as Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby supports the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission in its work to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War in Virginia and joins with its neighboring jurisdictions to support the organizational principles and statement of purpose for the Historic Triangle Civil War Committee as set forth herein to guide the commemoration in America's Historic Triangle.

James G. Kennedy
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 26th day of May, 2009.

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