

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING REDISTRICTING REFORM IN VIRGINIA AND JAMES CITY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the James City County Board of Supervisors (the “Board of Supervisors”) supports redistricting reform in Virginia and in James City County for congressional districts, state legislative districts and local election districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors maintains that transparent and nonpartisan legislative districting is a reform essential to build a more representative, accountable and healthy democracy for our nation, state and county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors maintains that redistricting reform is necessary to eliminate the conflict of interest that allows General Assembly and Board of Supervisors members to pick their voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors maintains that excluding political data from the districting process would help resolve the problem of split precincts and divided jurisdictions throughout Virginia and James City County; and

WHEREAS, action is needed now given the multi-year process required to amend the Virginia Constitution in order to institute a reformed redistricting process by the time the next redistricting occurs in 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia fully supports and urges action to protect and promote democracy in Virginia through redistricting reform at both state and local levels of government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia is committed to nonpartisan districting for local election districts which elect members to the Board of Supervisors and members to the Williamsburg-James City County School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia directs that James City County staff shall be responsible for developing any local redistricting plan and such plan shall not take into account any partisan or political data.

Kevin D. Onizuk
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

VOTES

ATTEST:

Bryan J. Hill
Clerk to the Board

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MCGLENNON	_____
SADLER	_____
HIPPLE	_____
LARSON	_____
ONIZUK	_____

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 8th day of August, 2017.

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