

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE JAMES RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL

- WHEREAS, the James River is one of the County's most significant cultural and recreational assets and has influenced its development over the entire course of human history; and
- WHEREAS, one of James City County's seven strategic goals is a "Protected Community Character and an Enhanced Built Environment"; and
- WHEREAS, the James River Heritage Trail is a braided trail system serving walkers, bicyclists, equestrians, and paddlers while educating the public about life and culture in James City County and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, this river corridor is considered part of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, stretching from New York to Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, efforts are being made to enhance river access as part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement in Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, the Envision the James initiative stems from common interests of the James River Association, Chesapeake Conservancy, and the National Geographic Society to inspire community conservation efforts on the James River through education, exploration, and community engagement and to develop a model that can be used on the Chesapeake Bay's other great rivers; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers and local agencies in numerous jurisdictions along the river are now working on coordinated promotion and preservation of the resource; and
- WHEREAS, when completed, the Heritage Trail will link cities, towns and villages along the James River and encourage ecotourism and an appreciation for local history; and
- WHEREAS, part of this heritage trail runs through James City County; and
- WHEREAS, James City County Parks and Recreation manages 13 miles of trails, including the Virginia Capital Trail, Powhatan Creek Trail, and the Greensprings Interpretive Trail that connect to the James River and its tributaries; and
- WHEREAS, James City County Parks and Recreation manages the Powhatan Creek Park and Blueway, and the James City County Marina, both of which provide boating access to the Powhatan Creek Blueway; and
- WHEREAS, by working collaboratively together with private citizens and organizations and the Commonwealth of Virginia, James City County can enhance and hasten the efforts to develop and promote the James River Heritage Trail.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 12th day of March 2019, pledges its enthusiastic support for the James

River Heritage Trail, commends those who have developed this idea for their visionary approach to linking James River communities in this environmentally friendly manner, and invites all those who travel the James River Heritage Trail to visit James City County.

James O. Icenhour, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Teresa J. Fellows
Deputy Clerk to the Board

	VOTES		
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LARSON	_____	_____	_____
SADLER	_____	_____	_____
MCGLENNON	_____	_____	_____
ICENHOUR	_____	_____	_____

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 12th day of March, 2019.

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