RESOLUTION

EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL

- WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission on Community Services and Inpatient Care has recommended that the General Assembly change the delivery system for mental health care services and restructure Eastern State Hospital by selling the property to provide resources for the implementation of that plan; and
- WHEREAS, the Greater Williamsburg Area community is committed to Eastern State Hospital serving as a critical provider of many different and modern mental health services; and
- WHEREAS, planning for the future of Eastern State Hospital should give the priority to the best interest of the patients and their families; and
- WHEREAS, Eastern State Hospital delivers quality 21st century services utilizing cutting edge techniques and best practices that contribute to the well-being of those who are in need; and
- WHEREAS, the Hospital provides research capability, thereby reinforcing the historic role the Hospital has played in the development of mental healthcare for the elderly; and
- WHEREAS, it is inappropriate to move forward in eliminating Eastern State Hospital as a critical provider of mental health and geriatric services without significant analysis.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, strongly recommends that no action be taken by 2000 General Assembly on the recommended restructuring and the disposal of Eastern State Hospital property without a detailed analysis of the cost and impacts of the proposed plan on the patients, their families, staff, and the community.

Ronald A. Nervitt Chairman, Board of Supervisors SUPERVISOR VOTE

ATTEST:

Sanford B. Wanner Clerk to the Board

AYE MCGLENNON AYE HARRISON GOODSON AYE AYE KENNEDY NERVITT AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 11th day of January, 2000.

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