

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING THE HAMPTON ROADS
PARTNERSHIP TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE REGIONAL
COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM (RCP) AND APPROVING THE FUND DISTRIBUTION
METHODOLOGY PROPOSED BY THE HAMPTON ROADS PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Virginia General Assembly adopted the Regional Competitiveness Act (the Act), Chapter 26.3 of Title 15.1 (§15.1-1227.1 through §15.1-1227.5) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to encourage counties, cities and towns to work together for their mutual benefit and that of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, to encourage regional strategic planning and cooperation, the Act establishes an incentive fund administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) to be used to encourage and reward regional strategic economic development planning and joint activities; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides a monetary incentive, totaling Ten Million, Thirty-five Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$10,035,239.00) in 1998, for distribution among the State's regions to communities that have qualified pursuant to the Act and in accordance with all applicable statutes and by procedures adopted by the VDHCD, with the 1998 round incentive funds being due July 1998; and

WHEREAS, incentive funds will be disbursed to qualified regions in an amount equal to the percentage of the funds appropriated in incentive payments for a fiscal year that represents the region's percentage of the total population of all qualified regions; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Partnership (the Partnership) is a Virginia nonprofit, non-stock corporation comprised of leading representatives from the public, business, education, civic, and military communities and whose mission is to enhance regional cooperation and improve economic competitiveness in the Hampton Roads Region (the Region) which is defined as the Cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Newport news, Hampton, Franklin, Poquoson, and Williamsburg; the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, and York; and the Town of Smithfield; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership in close cooperation with the Hampton Roads Planning District commission submitted the Region's successful application for Regional Competitiveness Program (RCP) incentive funding in June 1997, and received such funding in October 1997; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Partnership's role in fostering regional cooperation and economic competitiveness, the Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs caucus supports distributing all RCP funds received by the region directly to the Partnership (distribution methodology); and

WHEREAS, the RCP guidelines require that each municipality designate by resolution approval of the region's RCP incentive funds distribution methodology; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, supports the Partnership's efforts to carry out the provisions of the RCP and to administer the monetary incentives on its behalf.

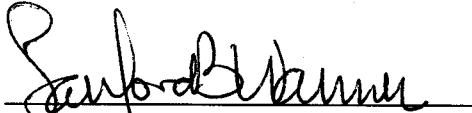
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, that on behalf of the County of James City, Virginia:

1. It recognizes the Hampton Roads Region as a region contemplated by the Act and hereby declares itself to be a member of and a participant in the Hampton Roads Region.
2. It supports the Partnership's efforts to carry out the provisions of the RCP and authorizes the Partnership to receive RCP incentive funding on behalf of the region.



Jack D. Edwards
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SISK	AYE
MCGLENNON	AYE
BRADSHAW	AYE
NERVITT	AYE
EDWARDS	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 14th day of April, 1998.

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