

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

REGARDING THE AMERICAN PASSENGER RAIL AGREEMENT

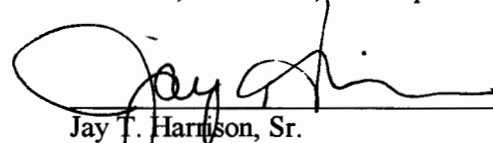
WHEREAS, in order to ensure the safety, quality, reliability, and efficiency of our country's vital transportation network and to preserve our national defense, America needs a balanced, integrated transportation system and the American people need diverse transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail is a critical component of a modern, multi-modal transportation system, and needs to have financial support, unified policy development, and oversight similar to that afforded to our air, highway, and mass transit modes; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding is being sought to complete the upgrade of the rail infrastructure, service, and equipment for rail service between Washington, D.C., and Newport News, VA by 2007.

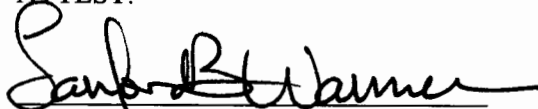
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, that we urge Congress and the President of the United States to fully institute the following passenger rail components, which are critical to the future of passenger rail in the United States, within the upcoming reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21) and/or Amtrak Reauthorization legislation:

1. Establish a dedicated, multi-year Federal capital-funding program for intercity passenger rail, patterned after the existing Federal highway, airport, and mass transit programs.
2. Establish, as Federal policy, a preserved and improved national passenger rail system - a nationwide, interconnected passenger rail system that stimulates higher levels of efficiency, innovation, and responsiveness. Direct the Federal Railroad Administration, or another agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation, to - with state input and local input - develop, fund, and oversee this Federal policy.
3. Provide full Federal funding of Amtrak during the period that the new Federal plans and policies are being developed. Then, fully fund implementation of the national passenger rail system - with its new efficiencies, innovation, and responsiveness - in subsequent years.



Jay T. Harrison, Sr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MCGLENNON	AYE
BROWN	AYE
GOODSON	AYE
KENNEDY	AYE
HARRISON	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 10th day of June, 2003.