

RESOLUTION

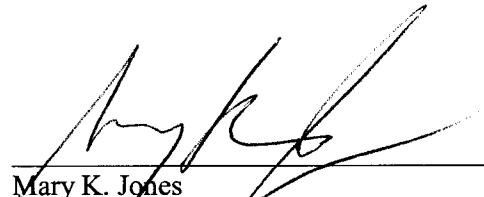
RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA AND THE

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TIMELY PASS A CLEAN BUDGET

- WHEREAS, each year the foremost duty of the Virginia General Assembly is to pass a budget or budget amendments that serve as Virginia's financial blueprint for each fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, Virginia is consistently recognized for its sound fiscal management and budgetary practices as illustrated by its AAA bond rating and the strong bond ratings of many local government divisions throughout the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS the County of James City is currently in the process of developing and adopting its budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, the James City County Board of Supervisors relies on the timely passage of a budget to allocate funding to local government services and make policy and hiring decisions for the upcoming fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, over 70,000 residents of James City County depend on county government to provide critical services such as education and public safety; and
- WHEREAS, failure to pass a timely budget will result in uncertainty for the County of James City, which receives over 27 percent of its funding, including funding for schools, as direct aid from the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, the James City County School Board relies on the timely passage of the State budget in order to set its budget and make staffing decisions, which includes teacher contracts; and
- WHEREAS, interruption of the provision of educational services to James City County students will have a significant negative impact on students and families; and
- WHEREAS, the interruption of public safety services would likely result in the loss of property, serious injury, or loss of life for James City County citizens; and
- WHEREAS, critical mental health services to James City County residents are provided via funds that flow from the State budget through county; and
- WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned sine die on Saturday, March 8, 2014 without adopting a budget for the two-year biennium beginning July 1, 2014, be it
- RESOLVED by the James City County Board of Supervisors, That the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly are urged to pass a budget as soon as practicable to ensure the continued functioning of state and local governments; and, be it


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the issue of Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act should be decoupled from budget negotiations and considered in a separate legislative session to facilitate prompt passage of a State budget; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the James City County Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the members of the Virginia General Assembly so that they may be apprised of the sense of the James City County Board of Supervisors in this matter.



Mary K. Jones
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



M. Douglas Powell
Clerk to the Board

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
KENNEDY	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
JONES	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
MCGLENNON	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
ONIZUK	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
HIPPLE	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 8th day of April, 2014.

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