A RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING THE REGIONAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Community Planning Partnership was formed in 1986 out of a concern about the impacts of growth in the region, conducted public sessions involving over 600 local residents, and produced a book of "Idea Group" reports on regional growth issues; and
- WHEREAS, as a result of the Planning Partnership process, the Williamsburg Regional Commission on Growth (Growth Commission) was established in 1987 to consider ways of managing growth and to make recommendations about the best methods to maintain and enhance the quality of life in the community, and consisted of seven residents from each of the three jurisdictions appointed by the governing bodies; and
- WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Growth Commission was for the establishment of a Regional Issues Committee (RIC) to serve as an advisory body for the three jurisdictions on cross jurisdictional issues; and
- WHEREAS, the RIC was established in 1987, reviewed and evaluated the recommendations of the Growth Commission, and served as a coordinating body for several important regional studies, which were the 1991 Resource Protection Planning Revised study for historic and archaeological planning, the 1992 Natural Areas Inventory of the Lower Peninsula of Virginia study, and the 1993 Regional Bikeway Plan; and
- WHEREAS, in 2008 the RIC recommended to the three governing bodies that they "undertake simultaneous Comprehensive Plan review," which was supported by resolutions from the governing bodies of James City County, York County, and the City of Williamsburg; and
- WHEREAS, a Coordinated Comprehensive Update was undertaken by the three jurisdictions in 2012-13, and received an award as an "Outstanding Regional Planning Process" from the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2014; and
- WHEREAS, the Coordinated Comprehensive Plan update process is the culmination of a regional planning process that began almost 30 years ago in 1986 with the Planning Partnership and the Growth Commission and which was continued by the work of the RIC; and
- WHEREAS, the RIC has fulfilled its purpose of encouraging planning and cooperation on a regional basis; and
- WHEREAS, regional cooperation and coordination continues through the efforts of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, and the Historic Triangle Collaborative.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby proclaims that the RIC be discontinued effective June 30, 2015, but may be reestablished at a later date by vote of the three jurisdictions, and with issues deemed needing attention being referred to the Historic Triangle Collaborative in the interim.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the RIC be thanked for their service to their individual jurisdictions and to the region.

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisor	ors of James City Count	y, Virgini	a, this 26t	h day of May,
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