

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE NEW JAMESTOWN-SCOTLAND FERRY VESSEL THE "POWHATAN"

- WHEREAS, the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry system transports approximately 936,000 vehicles annually and is the only 24-hour, state-run ferry in Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry fleet currently operates with four boats, carrying between 28 and 70 cars; and
- WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is in the process of building a new ferry vessel to replace the ferry boat Virginia, which was built in 1936; and
- WHEREAS, the new vessel, with 70-vehicle capacity, is under construction in Pascagoula, Mississippi; and
- WHEREAS, the project is included in the six-year improvement plan for 2013-2018 with \$2.5 million currently allocated for design, and funding for the remaining \$25 million for construction available in FY 2017-2018; and
- WHEREAS, the name of the new vessel needs to be placed on the ferry before it is christened in November 2017; and
- WHEREAS, there has been a return to the naming of ferries after important historical figures, including the most recent ferry boat Pocahontas, which was built in 1995; and
- WHEREAS, Powhatan was Pocahontas' father and was chief of all the Algonquin tribes in the area; and
- WHEREAS, according to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation historian, John Smith recorded on his map of Virginia the Indian name for the James River, the Powhatan; and
- WHEREAS, Powhatan represents a strong name for a strong vessel; and
- WHEREAS, the new ferry will be delivered to VDOT in the spring of 2018.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the above reasons, the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby supports and recommends the name Powhatan for the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry boat.



Kevin D. Onizuk
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Bryan J. Hill
Clerk to the Board

	VOTES		
	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
MCGLENNON	✓	—	—
SADLER	✓	—	—
HIPPLE	✓	—	—
LARSON	✓	—	—
ONIZUK	✓	—	—

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 12th day of September, 2017.

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