RESOLUTION

PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT MUNICIPAL UTILITY

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE JAMES CITY SERVICE

AUTHORITY AND GRANT AWARD - \$240,808

- WHEREAS, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are available through the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to assist municipal utility customers experiencing delinquent utility bills due to economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, the James City Service Authority (the "Authority") is eligible to participate in the program as a municipal utility and the Board of Supervisors desires to assist the Authority's participation in order to provide economic relief to eligible customers; and
- WHEREAS, the grant program requires the Authority to establish a partnership with a city or county that will act as the fiscal agent to receive the funds from the Virginia Department of Accounts and the city or county will then forward funds to the Authority to implement the program for its customers; and
- WHEREAS, the Authority has been awarded \$240,808 through this program and will use these relief funds to provide direct assistance to residential municipal utility customers of the Authority with arrearages greater than 60 days for the time period between March 12, 2020 and August 31, 2021.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, shall act as fiscal agent for the James City Service Authority for the purposes of receiving and transferring state and federal disbursements through the Municipal Utility Assistance Program operated by the SCC and DHCD and funded through State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of ARPA.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized and directed to execute necessary documents and undertake all reasonable efforts and required processes to assist and partner with the James City Service Authority to request and disperse any Municipal Utility Assistance funding, including (1) execution of an agreement with the James City Service Authority and the Hampton Roads Sanitation District and its subsidiary billing agency as may be necessary for the administration of funds, and (2) making necessary certifications to the SCC and the DHCD, including that any funds awarded will be used only in accordance with state and federal law.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby authorizes acceptance of this relief funding and the following appropriation to the Special Projects/Grants Fund:

Federal - American Rescue Plan Act Municipal Utility Assistance Program

\$240,808

Expenditure:

Transfer to JCSA - American Rescue Plan Act Municipal Utility Assistance Program

\$240,808

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| Mignael J. Hipple |
| Chairman, Board of Supervisors |

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| Teresa J. Saega Deputy Clerk to the Board | SADLER ICENHOUR LARSON MCGLENNON | | | | |
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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 23rd day of November, 2021.

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