

**A. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH
TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT TO
AID IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE SOUTHAMPTON
INSURRECTION OF 1831**

OPENING STATEMENT

This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2204, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on a proposed resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board of Virginia to establish a transportation enhancement project to aid in the interpretation of the Southampton Insurrection of 1831. The project seeks to acquire up to \$400,000 in federal enhancement funds which, if acquired, must be matched with other local funding sources (Southampton County Historical Society) of at least \$100,000. The purpose of the project is to develop access to certain sites associated with the Southampton Insurrection of 1831 and to assist in their interpretation. Public access will be achieved via a self-directed driving tour with interpretation enhanced by introductory exhibits located at the Museum of Southampton History and/or Rebecca Vaughan House.

The notice of public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on November 8 and November 15, 2009 as required by law. After conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this evening and will proceed to adopt, reject or defer action on the proposed resolution.

We have with us tonight, Mr. John Quarstein, a consultant to the Southampton County Historical Society who has been working on this project and will provide a brief overview of the proposed grant application.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION 1109-12A

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
The Honorable Walter L. Young, Jr., Vice Chairman
The Honorable Walter D. Brown, III
The Honorable Carl J. Faison
The Honorable Anita T. Felts
The Honorable Ronald M. West
The Honorable Moses Wyche

IN RE: Transportation Enhancement Program

Motion by Supervisor _____:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state/federal agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program an enhancement project in Southampton County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that it requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project to aid in the interpretation of the Southampton Insurrection of 1831; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Southampton hereby agrees to provide a minimum 20 percent of the total cost for planning and design, right of way, and construction of this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Southampton hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide oversight that ensures

the project is developed in accordance with all state and federal requirements for design, right of way acquisition, and construction of a federally funded transportation project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Southampton will be responsible for maintenance, upkeep and operating costs of any facility constructed with Enhancement Program funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the County of Southampton subsequently elects to cancel this project the County of Southampton hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation. The County of Southampton also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to be hereunto affixed.

Seconded by Supervisor _____.

VOTING ON THE ITEM: YES –

 NO –

A COPY TESTE:

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator/
Clerk, Southampton County Board of Supervisors