

FRIENDS OF THE LOWER APPOMATTOX BOARD RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Appomattox River (FOLAR), a Virginia 501c3 nonprofit corporation, hereby approves and adopts the following resolution

WHEREAS, in recognition that the Lower Appomattox River has been designated as a 'Virginia Scenic River' and is a major natural resource corridor within the Commonwealth of Virginia with potential for recreation, scenic, and historic trails;

WHEREAS, in recognition that the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR), with a mission of communities working together to conserve and protect the Lower Appomattox River, is working cooperatively with regional stakeholders to develop and sustain a blueway-greenway trail along the Lower Appomattox River from the Brasfield Dam in Chesterfield County to the confluence with the James River at Appomattox Manor in Hopewell, in order to increase the quality of life for the residents and visitors of the six Virginia jurisdictions through which the River flows: the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg and the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George;

WHEREAS, the 2016 Virginia General Assembly passed and Governor McAuliffe has signed the final amendments to Virginia's 2016-2018 biennial budget, which states, "Out of the amounts in this item, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund shall be made available for the construction, improvement, and marking of trails along the lower Appomattox River from the Lake Chesterfield Dam to Appomattox Manor," and has directed those funds to FOLAR for that purpose;

WHEREAS, The City of Hopewell has an outstanding parks system and has a desire to develop and revitalize the Hopewell City Appomattox Riverfront area by building a new recreational trail extending from the City Park Trailhead to the public City Marina, (the "Hopewell Riverwalk") in order to provide diverse recreational opportunities along the River to serve the needs of residents and visitors alike;

WHEREAS, The City of Hopewell and FOLAR have worked collaboratively to prepare a design plan for construction of the new Hopewell Riverwalk and the City has designated funds to support the project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

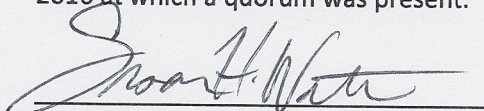
The FOLAR Board authorizes the use of the full amount of the \$100,000 General Assembly appropriation funds to be applied to the construction, improvement, and marking of the Hopewell Riverwalk project to be completed in FY17, July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

Certification:

I, the undersigned do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected Secretary of the Board of Directors of FOLAR; and

That the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board at its meeting held on June 29, 2016 at which a quorum was present.



Susan Watson, Secretary