

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STATE SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION  
OF THE JAMES RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Virginia, in Title 10.1, Sections 10.1-400 through 10.1-418.9, provides for a “Scenic Rivers Act” under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2019, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors voted to request that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) study whether the James River in Albemarle County qualified for designation as a State Scenic River; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, following DCR study of a portion of the River, the Virginia General Assembly designated the portion from one mile upstream of the Warren boat ramp to the Fluvanna County line at Scottsville (among other portions) as a State Scenic River; and

**WHEREAS**, in a memo dated January 12, 2021, DCR staff determined that the remaining portion of the James River in Albemarle County (from the Nelson County line at Howardsville to one mile upstream of the Warren boat ramp), along with other portions of the James River outside of Albemarle County, qualifies as a Virginia Scenic River, and recommended its designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan recognizes this designation and supports a strategy to pursue additional designations for rivers meeting state criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of this portion of the James River as a Scenic River would recognize the quality and value of this natural and scenic resource.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its support for the designation of the entire James River in Albemarle County, including the remaining portion from the Nelson County line at Howardsville to one mile upstream of the Warren boat ramp (a distance of approximately four and a half miles), as a “Scenic River” pursuant to the Scenic Rivers Act, Virginia Code §§ 10.1-400 *et seq.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors does hereby respectfully request that the members of the Virginia General Assembly representing Albemarle County introduce legislation in the 2022 session so designating this section of the James River as a “Scenic River.”

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I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Andrews	_____	_____
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____