

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REINTRODUCTION OF
JAMES SPINYMUSSEL IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the James Spiny mussel, which is narrowly-restricted in its geographic range, is a federal and state endangered species and a priority species for recovery for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR); and

WHEREAS, recovery of the James Spiny mussel from its endangered status will require reintroduction of the species to waterways where it previously occurred within the James River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 29.1-103(6), the DWR may “introduce any new species of game birds, game animals, or fish on the lands and within the waters of the Commonwealth, with the authorization and cooperation of the local government for the locality where the introduction occurs”; and

WHEREAS, the DWR is recommending reintroduction of the James Spiny mussel in Albemarle County, including that portion of the James River and its tributaries within Albemarle County, and is seeking the authorization and cooperation of the County Board of Supervisors for that proposed reintroduction; and

WHEREAS, County staff concurs in the DWR’s recommendation and its proposed reintroduction of the James Spiny mussel in Albemarle County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 29.1-103(6), the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources’ reintroduction of the James Spiny mussel in Albemarle County.

I, Claudette Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a meeting held on May 18, 2022.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

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