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Chesapeake Bay Restoration Resolution

WHEREAS, the Rivanna River is a major tributary of the James River and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its strong support for the continued Federal funding for Environmental Protection Agency and other relevant agencies involved in the Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent signals that the decades-old multi-state and Federal efforts are beginning to show marked improvements in bay water quality and health; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors urges the Federal Executive branch and Virginia's thirteen-member Congressional delegation to support Chesapeake Bay program funding levels at amounts previously requested; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding through the Chesapeake Bay Program has been used locally to enhance water quality, reduce stormwater runoff, improve agricultural practices and create local jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors is Committed to protection and the improvement of water quality within the Rivanna River watershed and that these goals are directly related to improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed which cannot be accomplished without continued Federal funding support for Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of May, 2017.

Diantha H. McKeel, Chair
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