

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA**

R-27-18 (R1)

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 13th day of August, 2018:

Present:	Vote:
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Stiers, which carried 5:0, to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT
VIRGINIA BE ADDED TO THE ROLL OF STATES
ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF AN
ARTICLE V CONVENTION
TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
RESTORING AUTHORITY AND RESOURCES
TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental precept of American government that the best governance is that which is closest, most accessible, and most accountable to the people; and

WHEREAS, it is for this reason that our Constitution strictly limits and defines the powers of the federal government, and explicitly reserves all remaining government functions to the states and the people; and

WHEREAS, in recent decades, the jurisdiction, authority, and resources of the state and local governments have been radically diminished by an ever-growing usurpation of jurisdiction and power by all three branches of the federal government, which has corresponded with an increasing confiscation of tax dollars that could otherwise remain in the states and localities; and

WHEREAS, the realities of human nature and institutional momentum make it a virtual certainty that federal officials will not individually, nor as institutions, ever undertake reforms that would halt or reverse the exponential growth of their own power, and

WHEREAS, unsurprisingly, the decisions, policies, laws, regulations, and actions of our federal officials and institutions in Washington, DC, are unresponsive to the unique needs and situations of individual states and localities, and

WHEREAS, neither state and local leaders nor individual citizens have any meaningful way to impact or influence the decision-making of the federal officials and institutions which are now dictating many of the policies that govern them, and


WHEREAS, it is the duty of state and local leaders to uphold and defend the Constitution, and to use their positions of public trust in the best interest of the people, and

WHEREAS, the needs and interests of the people of our state and local communities can only be adequately served through a restoration of the authority and resources originally reserved to the state and local levels of government, and


WHEREAS, because systematic overreaching by all three branches of the federal government has gone unchecked at the federal level and resulted in *de facto* revisions of our Constitution to expand federal power and jurisdiction, the only proper, effective recourse is through the proposal and ratification of constitutional amendments that reject the perversions of constitutional language, reinstate the needed limitations on federal power and jurisdiction, and restore the authority of the state and local governments which are most responsive to the people, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution provides for the proposal of constitutional amendments on specific topics through a meeting (convention) of the states, and for the subsequent ratification of such amendments by three-fourths (38) of the states,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Kent County Board of Supervisors, fulfilling its duty to serve the best interests of its constituents, hereby calls upon the Virginia State Legislature, especially Senator Thomas K. Norment and Delegate Christopher Peace, the elected representatives of those constituents, to advance and adopt with all possible speed, the legislative resolutions adding Virginia to the roll of the many other states which have adopted resolutions to trigger an Article V convention of the states to draft, consider, debate and propose constitutional amendments which would restore the proper measure of authority and resources to the levels of government closest and most responsive to the people.



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



Thomas W. Evelyn
Board Chairman