

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

**R-28-20**

At the regular work session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent, in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020:

Present:	Vote:
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Ronald P. Stiers	Aye
John N. Lockwood	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REOPENING OF  
ROSIE'S GAMING EMPORIUM**

**WHEREAS**, Colonial Downs Racetrack and Rosie's Gaming Emporium are an integral and valued part of our local, regional, and State economy; and

**WHEREAS**, one thousand (1,000) new jobs with livable wages have been created across the Commonwealth with an annualized payroll of approximately \$36 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosie's Gaming Emporium pays approximately \$3 million per month in taxes to the Commonwealth and various localities that host Rosie's gaming facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, New Kent County derives a significant amount of revenue from Rosie's facilities, which fund needed infrastructure and capital projects to accommodate the significant growth that has occurred within the County over the last ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our local businesses have benefited from the operations of Rosie's Gaming Emporium through contracted sales and services, increased traffic to their operations, and the Rosie's rewards program; and

**WHEREAS**, New Kent County is eager to see the re-opening of all Rosie's Gaming Emporium facilities, provided it is accomplished in a manner that supports a healthy and safe environment for patrons and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, New Kent County is pleased and encouraged by the deliberate and careful planning that has been undertaken by Rosie's Gaming Emporium to set the stage for a safe return of gaming operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosie's operates gaming facilities across five (5) states and they have designed a plan for the Commonwealth that goes above and beyond what other states are mandating of their gaming establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, 486 of the 989 (49%) casinos across the country reopened on Friday, June 5, 2020, and the absence of table games that are present in other facilities provides for a safer environment that better allows for the facilitation of social distancing, and reduces person to person interaction.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of New Kent County, Virginia stands in full support of Rosie's Gaming Emporium's Re-opening plan and is requesting that Rosie's be authorized to re-open their gaming operations in a safe, responsible, and reasonable manner with the implementation of the second phase of the Governor's re-opening plan.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Rodney A. Hathaway  
County Administrator

  
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Patricia A. Paige  
Chairman