



## COUNTY OF PAGE

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### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "MANAGING PAGE COUNTY'S WATER... AND ITS FUTURE, TAKING CARE OF OUR WATER"

WHEREAS, the Page County Board of Supervisors appointed the Water Quality Advisory Committee in 1997 to help address the water quality requirements of state and federal agencies, and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Water Quality Advisory Committee include collecting water quality data, exploring water-related issues throughout the county, developing solutions for water quality problems and providing recommendations for action by the Board of Supervisors in order for Page County to proactively manage water resources, and

WHEREAS, the Page County Water Quality Committee has issued a report on its work to date, "Managing Page County's Water and Its Future", and plans to pursue three strategies for effective water resource management – providing education and outreach to County residents to increase their understanding and stewardship of water resources, creating watershed management plans for the watersheds in the County, and promoting voluntary and required land use practices to protect water resources and the rights of all local property owners, and

WHEREAS, Page County is required to protect its water quality under rules established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and enforced by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has designated a number of Page County streams as impaired under the Clean Water Act, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement has committed to *correct the nutrient and sediment-related problems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and "to work with local governments...to develop and implement locally supported watershed management plans"*, and

WHEREAS, the Page County Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of protecting our natural and historic resources and has a policy to *"support watershed management planning and consider any watershed management plans that are adopted or endorsed by the Board of Supervisors as a factor in making land use decisions"* and *"coordinate land use policies, ordinances, and watershed management plans, as appropriate, with the Towns of Luray, Stanley, and Shenandoah"*, and

WHEREAS, the "Taking Care of Our Water" document helps to provide an implementation strategy for meeting the stated policies of the Page County Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, Page County has a fragile limestone karst landscape with a direct connection between surface water quality and ground water quality and many citizens rely on ground water for their drinking water, and

WHEREAS, every citizen is entitled to safe and clean drinking water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Page County Board of Supervisors, agrees with and supports the document "Managing Page County's Water...and Its Future, Taking Care of Our Water" and supports the work of the Page County Water Quality Advisory Committee.

Adopted by the Page County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007.

  
Tommy R. LaFrance, Chairman

  
Mark Belton, Clerk