

Children's Science Center Resolution of Support

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, held in the Board Auditorium in the Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, on May 1, 2012, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Children's Science Center's mission is to inspire a love of learning and Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) literacy in all children through meaningful creation, exploration, and discovery;

Whereas, the Children's Science Center's vision is to create a world-class children's science museum that inspires generations to propel our community and nation to be the leader in innovation, science and technology;

Whereas, promoting math and science literacy is becoming more important than ever, recognizing that 80 percent of the jobs that will be created in the next decade will require science and math literacy, and the Children's Science Center has built its programming around supporting the region's public school systems to ensure our children are prepared to fill those jobs;

Whereas, Northern Virginia is the largest metropolitan area in the country without a children's museum, which, given our community, is a significant void that must be filled;

Whereas, the Children's Science Center is prepared to fill that void, as well as provide a valuable community resource that will result in a wide range of tourism, economic, educational and community benefits to Northern Virginia;

Whereas, in Northern Virginia, the Children's Science Center expects to serve more than 300,000 visitors each year, drawing positive attention, visibility, visitors, and revenue to the region;

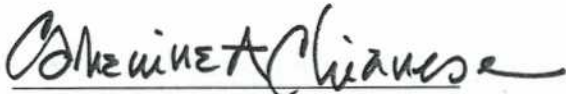
Whereas, from an educational standpoint, the centralized resources provided through the Children's Science Center will significantly benefit all area students and teachers, enable extracurricular activities related to STEM through after-school and summer camps, and provide exhibits and programs that can support achieving the goals of Virginia's Standards of Learning;

Whereas, the Children's Science Center is already having a positive impact on Northern Virginia's children through its *Museum Without Walls* program, which served more than 7,000 children in 2011;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

- Supports the Children's Science Center's efforts to inspire a love of learning and STEM literacy in all children through meaningful creation, exploration, and discovery, as well as its vision to create a world-class children's science museum that inspires generations to propel our community and nation to be the leader in innovation, science and technology;
- Welcomes the opportunity for Fairfax County to be home to the region's Children's Science Center and is committed to supporting this outcome to the fullest extent possible.

Given under my hand this 1st day of May, 2012.



Catherine A. Chianese

Clerk to the Board of Supervisors