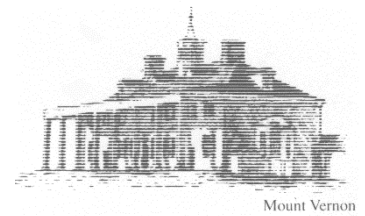




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Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Proclamation

Supervisor Dan Storck, Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Penny Gross

June 7, 2022

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia. The watershed covers 64,000 square miles and is an extraordinary and vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands. The Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries, including the Susquehanna, Potomac, Rappahannock, York, and James Rivers, and stretches 200 miles from Havre de Grace, Maryland, to Norfolk, Virginia. The watershed is home to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their livelihood and recreational activities.

As an important source of food for Virginia and the rest of the east coast, the Chesapeake Bay produces more than 500 million pounds of seafood harvest each year; and the more than 83,000 farms in the watershed contribute more than \$10 billion to the regional economy and provide food for millions of Americans. The Chesapeake Bay's tributaries in Virginia are an important source of drinking water, which is essential for public health and economic growth and a vital resource for future generations.

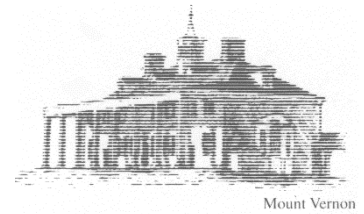
The rich history, pivotal economic importance, and astounding beauty of the Chesapeake Bay watershed never cease to amaze residents and visitors alike; and Fairfax Counties 30 watersheds within the larger Chesapeake Bay watershed, are important to the character and quality of life of the community and ultimately the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors proclaim June 4-12, 2022 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and direct the Office of Public Affairs to inform residents of the importance of this observance and encourage them to participate in events, activities, and educational programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in our community.



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Recognizing Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby State Champions Supervisor Storck, Joint with Supervisor Pat Herrity June 7, 2022

On May 14, the Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby team defeated the Richmond Strikers to win the Rugby Virginia High School State Championship. This is the second year in a row the Warriors have taken home the state championship and the players and coaches deserve much credit for keeping up the winning tradition. On top of their skill as a team, this team is also known for showing great sportsmanship. It is a testament to the character of the players, coaches and parents involved that they overcame formidable opposition to cap off another fantastic season.

Therefore Mr. Chairman, we ask, without objection, that we bring the Fort Hunt Warriors Rugby team before the Board to receive a resolution recognizing their successful season, state championship and sportsmanship by the end of July.



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**Joint Board Matter
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Supervisor Walter Alcorn
Supervisor Dan Storck**

June 7, 2022

Recognition of Virginia Railway Express on their 30th Anniversary

Background

Mr. Chairman,

The Virginia Railway Express is a joint project of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission and provides safe, accessible, reliable, and comfortable commuter-oriented rail passenger service from Fairfax County and our neighboring jurisdictions into Alexandria, Arlington, and downtown Washington, D.C.

VRE is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Former Supervisor and Chairman Sharon Bulova was instrumental in the creation and growth of VRE, serving for many years in the leadership of the Operations Board to establish VRE as a premier service in the region. The Manassas Line opened on June 22, 1992, with the Fredericksburg Line operations beginning on July 20, 1992. In 1992, 16 trains covering 16 stations served 5,800 daily passengers. By 2020, that had grown to 30 trains serving 19 stations, carrying approximately 20,000 passengers a day. VRE has five stations located in Fairfax County. VRE continues to contribute to the economic development of Fairfax County and other member jurisdictions. It has been estimated that VRE carries the equivalent of one lane of traffic on both I-66 and I-95, providing congestion relief as an integral part of a balanced, intermodal regional transportation system.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that a certificate of recognition be prepared by the Office of Public Affairs for the Virginia Railway Express to be presented this summer in the Board auditorium.



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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Alcorn,
Supervisor Gross, and Supervisor Storck
Request to Proclaim July 16-24th 2022 as Latino Conservation week**

Members of the Board,

Fairfax County boasts a culturally rich Latinx and Spanish-speaking community. Defensores de la Cuenca, “Defenders of the Watershed,” a non-profit dedicated to helping the Latinx community connect with the natural world, proposes a series of events that are designed to engage this community in a wide variety of fun activities to promote health and nature conservation in the County’s parks and green spaces. Defensores de la Cuenca along with the support of its partners, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Fairfax County Park Authority, are planning activities at the Frying Pan Farm Park, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Eakin Park and other neighborhood parks to take advantage of the unique features at each of these park locations. This will be a series of free, family-friendly activities for the Latinx community, aligned with national Latino Conservation Week, to increase knowledge of the environment and awareness of environmental issues, increase understanding of the connections between our health and the health of the environment, and invite participants to stay engaged and grow in their interest of the environment.

Therefore, I ask that the Board proclaim July 16th-24th 2022 as Latino Conservation Week in Fairfax County and for the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the weeklong series of events exploring the importance of parks and green spaces.