

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 15, 2019 AS
BUY LOCAL MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission is proud to join the region together in supporting and celebrating local-independent businesses and the impact they have on the region's culture, economy and character; and,

WHEREAS, by "Buying Local," Hampton Roads' residents embrace this unique, vibrant community and recognize that it's the one-of-a-kind businesses that keep us from becoming "Anywhere, USA" and encourage a strong sense of pride in place; and,

WHEREAS, by "Buying Local," Hampton Roads' residents create prosperity for all. The "multiplier effect" of locals choosing locals creates diverse job opportunities, protecting us from the effects of economic downturns; and,

WHEREAS, by "Buying Local," Hampton Roads' residents help to improve and protect the environment. The purchasing habits, central location and smaller footprint of local businesses often results in less pollution and congestion; and,

WHEREAS, by "Buying Local," Hampton Roads' residents keep money circulation in the local economy. For every \$100 spent at a local-independent business, \$45 goes back into the community, versus only \$14 when spent at a national chain store; and,

WHEREAS, by "Buying Local," Hampton Roads' residents support a healthy and happy community. Studies show that those who live in communities where local-independent businesses are the norm are healthier – and thus happier; and

WHEREAS, by acknowledging November 15 through December 15, 2019 as Buy Local Month, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Isle of Wight County that November 15 – December 15, 2019 be designated as “Buy Local Month”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges all citizens to join in this celebration and to Buy Local for the holidays and throughout the year.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2019.

William M. McCarty, Chairman

Carey Mills Storm, Clerk

Approved as to form:

Robert W. Jones, County Attorney