

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING THE RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN REGIONAL COMMISSION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly created the Metropolitan Areas Study Commission (the Hahn Commission), which found that a holistic approach to solving local and regional problems needed to be taken; the Commission recommended a new concept, the creation of planning district commissions and service district commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Area Development Act (VADA), passed in 1968, created the Planning District Commission framework “to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance”; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 1973, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) held its first meeting at the Culpeper Town Hall with charter members from Fauquier County, Orange County, Rappahannock County and the Town of Warrenton attending; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is now led by members representing the Counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the Towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, The Plains, Warrenton, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the RRRC has provided professional planning and technical resources, a concerted approach to regional cooperation, planning assistance with program delivery, and a forum for the interaction of appointed and elected officials and citizen members of the region, and serves as a liaison between local and state governments, partnering with the Commonwealth to carry out state initiatives at the local and regional level; and

WHEREAS, the RRRC and its partners have worked on numerous projects impacting the Rappahannock-Rapidan region in the areas of agricultural development, environmental planning, transportation planning and coordination, regional tourism, criminal justice planning, housing development and homeless services, hazard mitigation planning and regional growth issues; and

WHEREAS, the RRRC takes great pride in the value that its work has brought to the Rappahannock-Rapidan region over the past 50 years and recognizes the importance of regional collaboration in addressing challenges in the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton on this 12th day of September 2023, commends the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission on their 50th Anniversary and all the exceptional work they have brought not just to the Town, but to the region.