

## RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

January 14, 2025  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting

### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY DR. DAVID FERGUSON, PRINCIPAL, FAUQUIER HIGH SCHOOL, TO DISPERSE VULTURES AT THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AREA BY USING VULTURE EFFIGIES INSTALLED BY THE WILDLIFE SERVICES DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. David Ferguson, Principal of Fauquier High School (the "School"), located at 705 Waterloo Road has submitted a request for approval from the Warrenton Town Council to disperse vultures that are gathering on and around agricultural education structures at the School property by the use of vulture effigies; and

**WHEREAS**, the gathering and/or roosting of large numbers of vultures can contaminate surfaces with pathogens that may negatively affect the health and safety of students and staff that use the agricultural education area; and

**WHEREAS**, vultures are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, as regulated by the Federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, School staff has consulted with the Wildlife Services Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) as to the most-appropriate method to disperse the vultures at the School agricultural education area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Daniel Dawson, Wildlife Specialist with the Wildlife Services Division of the USDA, APHIS has determined that the optimal method of vulture dispersal at the agricultural education area is to install vulture effigies; and

**WHEREAS**, the School is responsible for compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws that may regulate this activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the School will coordinate and fund the installation of the effigies by Wildlife Services Division, USDA, APHIS staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the School will manage all monitoring and maintenance activities associated with the use of the effigies; and

**WHEREAS**, the School is responsible for providing notification of this activity to adjacent property owners as necessary and appropriate, where these property owners may have cause to view this activity; and

**WHEREAS** the School is responsible for notifying all staff and students of this activity, as well as for monitoring and/or restricting access to the effigy installation area as necessary and appropriate to ensure the health and safety of all School staff, students, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warrenton Town Council finds that the use of effigies is appropriate for the agricultural use area as specifically proposed by the application materials provided by the School, for the intended purpose of protecting the health and safety of school students and staff; *now, therefore it be*

**RESOLVED**, by the Warrenton Town Council on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, that the request by the

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School to install vulture effigies within the agricultural use area is hereby approved, subject to all applicable Federal and State laws that may regulate this activity.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

**For Information:**

Community Development Director,

Town Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town Recorder**