

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY MARYLAND'S APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Dorchester County is located on Maryland's Eastern Shore and has an active regard and appreciation for its historic properties and heritage sites;

WHEREAS, the history and traditions of the residents of Dorchester County extend into the past for more than 10,000 years with the initial settlement of our land by Native Peoples;

WHEREAS, Europeans arrived in America in the seventeenth century and made treaties and other agreements to purchase land from the Native Tribes located here;

WHEREAS, our European and Native American ancestors were joined by our ancestors from Africa to fashion the current Dorchester County landscape;

WHEREAS, as a community and as the County Council for Dorchester County, we treasure our historic buildings, archeological sites, folklore, and cultural traditions;

WHEREAS, the County and our partners in the City of Cambridge and towns of Vienna, Hurlock, East New Market, Secretary, Church Creek, Eldorado, and Galestown, have participated in the local heritage tourism program and have developed individual efforts to preserve our heritage;

WHEREAS, local government officials have been joined in their historic preservation efforts by town and county-based heritage organizations and by local businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Dorchester Department of Tourism has developed active partnerships with state and federal agencies to support heritage tourism and heritage protection programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, that we affirm our recognition of the need to continue to protect our historic properties and to continue our efforts to promote heritage tourism as an effective method to encourage the protection of heritage sites and as an effective method for economic development.


SIGNED THIS 16th day of December in the year of our Lord, 2003.

ATTEST:


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