

RESOLUTION NO. 421

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH CHESAPEAKE
NATIONAL HISTORIC WATER TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland desires to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the English settlement of America and Captain John Smith's monumental voyage of exploration of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Captain Smith's exploration of the Nanticoke River and Fishing Bay were an important part of his voyages in 1608, as he explored and mapped the Nanticoke River and traveled past many of our present-day towns and communities, met and traded with the Nanticoke Indians, and is believed to have placed a brass cross half a mile above Broad Creek in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, on account of the leadership of Representatives Wayne Gilchrest, Senator Paul Sarbanes and Senator Barbara Mikulski, the U.S. Congress passed legislation authorizing the National Park Service to study the feasibility of establishing the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail as a unit of National Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail would make an important addition to our County's historic and recreational resources, and provide an excellent opportunity for the public to learn about Maryland Native American history, early English settlement, as well as the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dorchester County Council pledges its support for the National Park Service's Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail feasibility study. The County is eager to participate in support of the study process, and urges the National Park Service to complete it on an expedited basis.

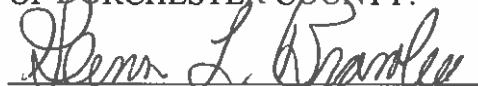
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Council of Dorchester County has transmitted a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, and members of the Maryland Congressional delegation.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006.

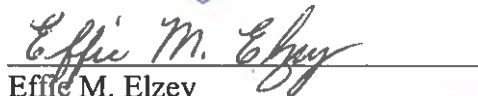
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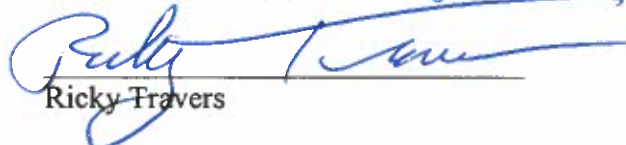

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