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**RESOLUTION NO. 445**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND NAMING THE TRENTON STREET MARINA A HERITAGE HARBOR, PRESERVING IT SAFE AND GRANTING PREFERENCE TO WORKING COMMERCIAL WATERMAN**

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Dorchester County recognize that the Trenton Street Marina is recognized as a viable location to serve the County’s commercial fishing industry as a principle harbor to fishing vessels and seafood processing companies; and

**WHEREAS**, the commercial fishing industry has helped to form and define Dorchester County’s economy and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that this marina is necessary for the County to accommodate commercial fishing fleets in the County, and that this harbor is a critical refuge thereof; not to be commercially exchanged; and

**WHEREAS**, the County accepted public monies from the Department of Natural Resource Waterway Improvement Fund for construction and maintenance of the Trenton Street Marina; and

**WHEREAS**, these public grant monies required County assurances that the Trenton Street Marina be maintained as a “public facility” and saved in good condition in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney has determined that commercial waterman and water-related commerce have long been an important part of the Dorchester County economy and a part of local heritage and determined that County government can legitimately act to protect and provide boat slips for their use on a preferential basis as a means of insuring their continued viability;

**WHEREAS**, the Council, in the interest of preserving the commercial fishing heritage of Dorchester County and ensuring the watermen’s livelihood now and for future generations unanimously voted to grant preference to working commercial watermen who make their livelihood on the water on the slip renters’ waiting list for the Trenton Street Marina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dorchester County Council does hereby affirm that it is indeed in the public’s best interest to continue to accommodate the County’s commercial fishing fleet; specifically in the heritage area historically linked to that industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Dorchester County Council is hereby committed to naming this facility a heritage harbor, preserving it safe and granting preference to working commercial watermen.

**THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED**  
THIS 6th day of November, 2007.

The County Council  
of Dorchester County


ATTEST:

  
Jane Baynard, County Manager

  
William V. Nichols, President

  
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