

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA**

R-15-11

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 9th day of May, 2011:

Present:	Vote:
David M. Sparks	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Davis, which carried 5:0, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
EXISTING URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI)
FUNDING STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program is a grant administered program through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) which focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, the UASI program directly supports the National Priority on expanding regional collaboration in the National Preparedness Guidelines and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, DHS has designated 64 urban areas across the nation to receive this federal funding to support this regional collaboration and dedicates funds towards terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Amelia, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King & Queen, King William, Louisa, New Kent, Prince George, Powhatan, and Sussex and the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond were designated by DHS in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 as the Richmond UASI (also known as the Central Virginia UASI or CVUASI); and

WHEREAS, the variety of infrastructure and culture throughout the CVUASI, coupled with its proximity to the Commonwealth's other UASI regions in the Hampton Roads area and the National Capital Region, has the potential to draw to the area an array of terrorism threats in addition to other natural disasters such as wild land interface fires, structural fires, hazardous materials incidents, hurricanes, floods, tornados, and ice storms, which serve to underscore the region's need to prepare, plan, and exercise response capabilities for these emergencies; and

WHEREAS, since FFY 2008, the CVUASI region has received and dedicated more than \$7 million in funding through the UASI program to better assist the associated localities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a wide variety of disasters that could impact the more than 1.2 million residents in the region; and

WHEREAS, the localities work together through the Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) in a collaborative effort to support necessary multijurisdictional planning, equipping, and response efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the localities wish to continue to provide for the joint planning these large scale emergencies necessitate by leveraging partnerships in regional cooperation and collaboration; and

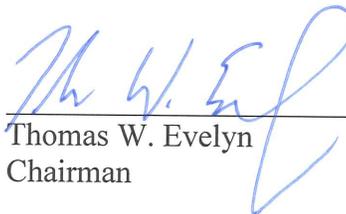
WHEREAS, there are efforts underway by existing Tier 1 UASI entities to designate a list of "Top 25" UASI localities as the sole recipients of UASI program funding, effectively doing away with the tiered system as it exists today and removing funding from the majority of Tier 2 designated areas, including the CVUASI; and

WHEREAS, loss of this funding would greatly impact the local and regional collaboration and information sharing now in place, hindering the development and execution of other needed regional projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Kent County Board of Supervisors supports efforts to continue the existing funding structure, allowing other regions outside of the "Top 25" designees to continue to prepare for and be ready to respond to terrorism events, no matter their spot of origin.



G. Cabell Lawton IV
County Administrator



Thomas W. Evelyn
Chairman