

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

R-32-10

At the regular meeting of the New Kent County Board of Supervisors held in the County Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 28th day of July, 2010:

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

Motion was made by Mr. Trout, which carried 4:0:1, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
“PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT”
UNDER CONSIDERATION BY
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

WHEREAS, the “Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act” and similar bills currently under consideration by the U. S. Congress would provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers, including EMS, fire, and law enforcement personnel employed by states or local governments, thereby affecting the rights of public safety officers to negotiate directly with their employers on their own behalf; and

WHEREAS, federally imposed monopoly bargaining would be costly for the taxpayers and could be the” last straw” for already struggling communities; and

WHEREAS, implementation of this legislation would endanger public safety by decimating volunteer fire departments that currently protect countless small communities across America; and

WHEREAS, in many communities, law enforcement is provided by a sheriff elected by the voters and collective bargaining would usurp the direct accountability of those sheriffs to the people who elected them; and

WHEREAS, if the experience of states that have enacted similar public-sector monopoly-bargaining laws is any indication, this legislation would lead to substantially heavier burdens for taxpayers.

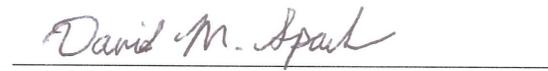
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of New Kent County, Virginia, that it formally opposes passage of the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act" and similar bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to the County's congressional representatives.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2010.



G. Cabell Lawton IV
County Administrator



David M. Sparks
Chairman