

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

**R-66-09**

At a special 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 2nd day of December, 2009:

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

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE NAACP  
ON ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP is the nation's oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grass-roots based civil rights organization in the United States and, for the past 100 years, the Association has fought actively and fervently for equal justice for all Americans under the idea that all men and women are created equal; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 1909, a handful of courageous and fearless citizens formed the National Negro Committee with the intent of addressing the social, economic and political rights of African-Americans. This organization would later become the NAACP and for the next century would dedicate itself to eliminating racial hatred and ending racial discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP has accomplished and will continue to accomplish great things for our nation. In 1954, the NAACP achieved one of its greatest victories in the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* case when the Supreme Court overturned segregation in the nation's public schools. This decision rendered "separate but equal" unconstitutional. More importantly it helped to break down the barriers that divided the nation and subsequently led to the *Green v. County School Board of New Kent County* case which dis-established dual systems of schools; and

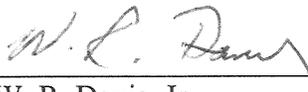
**WHEREAS**, through nonviolent methods such as protests, marches and media outreach, the NAACP was instrumental in banning discrimination in the armed forces and played an active role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP maintains active branches nationwide, including Unit 7094 in New Kent County, and the work they do to continue to advance the struggle for civil rights in our country is an inspiration to us all; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP has gracefully and tirelessly fought for the political, social, economic, and educational rights of all Americans, and has sought to ensure that our nation recognized the inalienable rights of all citizens, regardless of race, class, or ethnicity, and has paved the way for some of our most celebrated leaders to accomplish what they have.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Kent County Board of Supervisors congratulates the NAACP on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary and recognizes the enormity of its contributions these past 100 years.

  
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William H. Whitley  
Interim County Administrator

  
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W. R. Davis, Jr.  
Chairman