

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

R-14-14

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 12th day of May, 2014.

Present:	Vote:
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

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

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
HURRICANE AND FLOODING PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service will observe May 25-31, 2014, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week; and

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth of Virginia and our County of New Kent are at great risk for damaging effects of coastal and inland tropical storm systems to include widespread flooding; and

WHEREAS, three Virginians died as a result of Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, residents in low lying areas along the Virginia coast and Chesapeake Bay were evacuated, and those in Accomack County suffered extensive damage to property; and

WHEREAS, five Virginians died from Hurricane Irene's impact in August 2011, which caused millions of dollars in property damage, the second-highest level of power outages in Virginia history affecting some 2.5 million people, and the fourth-highest level of storm surge in Virginia history; and

WHEREAS, flash flooding from the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011 took the lives of five Virginians, displaced hundreds more from their destroyed and heavily damaged home and businesses, and caused widespread impacts to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Camille (1969), Agnes (1972), Juan (1985), Floyd (1999), Isabel (2003) and Gaston (2004) caused some of Virginia's worst recorded disasters, injuring or killing hundreds of people and resulting in millions of dollars in property damage; and

WHEREAS, the residents of New Kent County should understand how hurricane and tropical storm hazards such as storm surge, flooding, high winds and tornadoes can affect their homes and should develop an appropriate family emergency plan, stock water, non-perishable food, and emergency supplies including a battery-powered or hand crank radio; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth observes an annual Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday every May 25-31 to enable Virginians to gather emergency supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and New Kent's Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management offers hurricane and flooding season safety information and preparedness techniques to citizens throughout Virginia before the start of hurricane season;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the New Kent County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize May 25-31, 2014, as **HURRICANE AND FLOODING PREPAREDNESS WEEK** in New Kent County, Virginia.



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



Thomas W. Evelyn
Chairman