

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

R- 42-14

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 November, 2014:

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

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

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF THE COUNTY OF NEW KENT, VIRGINIA
AS A "STORMREADY" COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, in 2014 New Kent County began to work towards becoming designated as a StormReady community by the National Weather Service and the Virginia StormReady Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service (NWS) has asked all the communities in the United States to reaffirm their support of the six (6) guidelines necessary to be considered a StormReady Community which include the following:

1. Maintain a 24-hour Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to receive NWS information.
2. Maintain a 24-hour EOC capable of receiving multiple communication methods of NWS warnings.
3. Maintain a 24-hour EOC capable of gathering ancillary weather information, such as internet radar, river gauging stations, etc.
4. Maintain several means of ensuring timely warning dissemination to citizens, which includes weather radios at County and Public Schools facilities, outdoor warning sirens, etc.

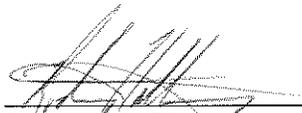
5. Through New Kent Fire-rescue's emergency management division, conduct or facilitate safety talks for schools, hospitals, nursing homes and industries; publicize use of NOAA Weather Radios; send EOC staff to free NWS storm spotter training at least every other year; host a spotter training session every year.
6. Maintain a formal hazardous weather operations plan, assure biennial visits by Emergency Coordinator to NWS, and assure annual visits by NWS official to community; and

WHEREAS, New Kent County is currently in compliance with the six guidelines and certifies that all County facilities and schools within the County are equipped with an operational NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio; and

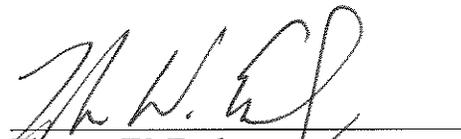
WHEREAS, New Kent County, through New Kent Fire-Rescue, supports and will publicize any local community preparedness presentations such as weather safety talks and spotter training sessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of New Kent hereby pledges to support the StormReady Program's six guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of New Kent County hereby accepts its designation as a StormReady County from the National Weather Service.



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



Thomas W. Evelyn
Chairman