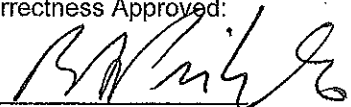
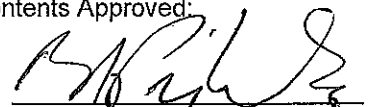


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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION FOR VIRGINIA TO PARTICPATE IN THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITITATIVE (SB 1428 MCEACHIN / HB 2205 VILLANUEVA).

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that the number of "nuisance flooding" days in Norfolk has increased 325 percent since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 50 (2012) and Senate Joint Resolution No. 76 (2012) requested the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to study strategies for adaptation to prevent recurrent flooding in Tidewater and Eastern Shore Virginia localities; and

WHEREAS, the resulting VIMS report, entitled "Recurrent Flooding Study for Tidewater Virginia," published as Senate Document No. 3 (2013), states: "Recurrent flooding is a significant issue in all localities in Virginia coastal localities and one that is predicted to become worse over reasonable planning horizons (20-50 years)"; and

WHEREAS, the VIMS report found that "[i]mpacts from flooding can range from temporary road closures to the loss of homes, property and life. In coastal Virginia, the cost of large

storm damage can range from millions to hundreds of millions of dollars per storm"; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Commonwealth Panel, established by § 2.2-222.3 to "monitor and assess the implementation of statewide prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives and where necessary review, evaluate, and make recommendations relating to the emergency preparedness of government at all levels in the Commonwealth," created a Recurrent Flooding Sub-Panel to further assess the threat of recurrent flooding and sea level rise in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Commonwealth Panel Recurrent Flooding Sub-Panel's report, entitled "Recommendations to the Secure Commonwealth Panel on the Issue of Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding in Coastal Virginia" (2014), states that "[t]he Commonwealth should identify or establish a fund to assist localities and regions [to] meet their match requirements and otherwise assist them with the costs of adaptation planning"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk hired the U.S. branch of the Dutch engineering firm Fugro, which estimated a cost of at least \$1 billion to fulfill the firm's adaptation and protection plans in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, a number of homeowners, businesses, schools, the Port of Virginia, military installations, health care

facilities, and other vital roadways in Norfolk regularly battle issues associated with recurrent flooding and the threat of increasing sea level rise and severe storms; and

WHEREAS, localities in the Hampton Roads region recognize the need for increased resources to implement local adaptation plans and acknowledge that coordination throughout all levels of government is required to provide adequate solutions to the region's growing flooding risks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Council of the City of Norfolk hereby resolves that it supports legislation to protect the Virginia coast from flooding and particularly supports SB 1428 (McEachin) and HB 2205 (Villanueva) that provide for the Commonwealth to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative that establishes a regional CO2 electric power sector cap and trade program and establishes the Commonwealth Resilience Fund, a revolving fund to serve as a consistent revenue stream to assist counties, cities, and towns in the Hampton Roads region with the implementation of efforts to combat sea level rise and recurrent flooding. The bill also provides economic development assistance for families, businesses, and localities in Southwest Virginia to offset negative economic impacts associated with reduced fossil fuel production.

Section 2:- That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted by Council January 27, 2015
Effective January 27, 2015

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R. BRECKENRIDGE DAUGHTREY, CITY CLERK

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK