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**Most Responding to Online Survey Pick
Woodrow Wilson as a Favorite Virginia-Born President**

Eight of the 44 U.S. Presidents were born in Virginia, and according to a recent online survey – which excluded expected top choices of Washington and Jefferson – President Woodrow Wilson is the favorite among James Madison, James Monroe, Zachary Taylor, John Tyler, and Wilson. Virginian William Henry Harrison also was excluded from the poll, as his service to the nation ended upon his death only weeks after his inauguration.

According to the opinion survey posted on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission’s web site beginning in early February, respondents said that, after Washington and Jefferson, Wilson was their favorite by a margin of nearly 7%. To date, the survey results are as follows:

42.2%	Woodrow Wilson
35.6%	James Madison
11.1%	Zachary Taylor
6.7%	James Monroe
4.4%	John Tyler

“While the survey is unscientific, the poll is a reminder that Virginia has been the birthplace of many Presidents, some of whom tend to be less celebrated than the earlier two ‘Founding Fathers’ who served as Presidents #1 and #3,” said G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director of NVRC.

A new multiple-choice question will be posted on the web site each month and those responding to the poll will learn immediately the percentage of “votes” for each of the options to the question. To respond to the monthly opinion survey on topics of interest to Northern Virginians, visit <http://www.novaregion.org/index.asp>

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission is a coalition of 14 cities, towns and counties which work together on regional issues including environmental programs and projects, emergency preparedness, demographics, health and human services, legislative programs, and international partnerships.

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