



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 14-26

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director  
DATE: March 27, 2014

### AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VIRGINIA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), through its adopted policies and work programs, has supported regional coordination of coastal zone management issues and has provided technical assistance to coastal zone jurisdictions in Northern Virginia through its technical assistance grant from the Commonwealth for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, NVRC's Coastal and Chesapeake Bay Program continuously seeks new ways to promote awareness of coastal issues and to foster the efficient coordination of local, state, and federal coastal resources management goals; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (funded by NOAA) has supported the Northern Virginia Regional Commission technical assistance proposal for funding; and

WHEREAS, the work program for the Coastal and Chesapeake Bay Program is determined collaboratively with staff from NVRC's member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program furthers Northern Virginia local governments' ability to manage the region's coastal and environmental resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Chairman to send a letter in support of the Coastal Zone Management Grants to the Chairman of the House of Representatives' Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee.



### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on March 27, 2014.

  
G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer



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The Hon. Frank Wolf  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20215

Dear Mr. Wolf:

We are writing to you in regards to appropriations funding for the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2015. It has come to our attention that Congressman Sam Farr (CA-20) is leading a Dear Colleague Appropriations letter this year supporting coastal resilience and ocean science funding, which includes support for Coastal Zone Management Grants.

For Virginia, coastal zone management grants are critical. Last year, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program received over \$2.5 million in grants. Together, Virginia's coastal localities (represented by Virginia's eight coastal Planning District Commissions), state agencies and NOAA form an effective intergovernmental partnership.

CZM grants are in dire need of support, as last year the House recommended an appropriations cut of 35% to the Coastal Management Grant line item. Specifically, the House appropriated \$40 million for CZM Grants, whereas the Senate Committee appropriated \$71.146 million. Thankfully, the FY 2014 Omnibus helped preserve the funding, but we are concerned for our program and ask that you support coastal resilience funding in Fiscal Year 2015.

We urge you to support Congressman Sam Farr's letter this year and become a champion supporting Coastal Zone Management Grants and the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Lazaro, Jr.", is written over a circular blue stamp.

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Chairman

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