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COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA
HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF VIRGINIA STATE PARKS**

WHEREAS, the County of Prince Edward, Virginia is home to three Virginia State Parks – Twin Lakes, High Bridge Trail and Sailor’s Creek Battlefield, more than any other county in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Twin Lakes State Park originally opened in 1950 as Prince Edward State Park for Negroes, was Virginia’s eighth state park and the only pre-Civil Rights Era Park for African-Americans. Nearby Goodwin Lake was a recreational area for local whites. With the end of segregation in 1964, Prince Edward Park and Goodwin Lake staff began working together on large-scale projects. Eventually, the two recreational areas were merged in 1976 and officially became Twin Lakes State Park in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Crest Conference Center came to fruition in 1991 as a meeting facility at the historic concession, dining and dance hall of Prince Edward State Park. Family reunions, weddings, business meetings, and training classes are conducted year round. Historical displays in the lobby of the conference center, as well as themed rooms and lodgings, offer a glimpse into the site’s history; and

WHEREAS, High Bridge Trail State Park was established in December 2006, when Norfolk Southern Railway Co. donated a 29.9-mile tract of abandoned railroad to the Commonwealth for the establishment of a new linear state park. The abandoned corridor was part of the Petersburg to Lynchburg rail line. On Aug. 22, 2008, four miles of the park were opened to the public; and

WHEREAS, High Bridge Trail State Park is a multi-use trail ideally suited for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. The trail’s surface and dimensions make it easy for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy it. Its centerpiece is the majestic High Bridge, which is more than 2,400 feet long and rises 160 feet above the Appomattox River. The original bridge was built in 1853 as part of the South Side Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sailor’s Creek Battlefield Historical State Park began with the establishment of the “Sayler’s Creek Battlefield Park Association,” on May 30, 1934; and through their efforts, the 1936 Virginia General Assembly passed a bill appropriating \$1,500.00 for the purchase of land under the direction of the Virginia Conservation Commission. This started with the purchase of the historic Hillsman farm house and ten acres of land at \$150.00 per acre, In partnership with Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties, \$1,500.00 was appropriated to restore the structure; and

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MISSION STATEMENT

TO REPRESENT ALL CITIZENS, PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, CREATE VISION AND SET POLICY TO ACCOMPLISH EFFECTIVE CHANGE, PLANNED GROWTH AND PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES WHILE MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park, with Virginia and National Historical Landmark status, became a stand alone state park in July 2008, and has now expanded to 324.62 acres, with an adjoining 623 acres of land preserved under a conservation easement, and with a renovated Hillsman farm house museum and new visitor center; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was the first state in the nation to develop a park system of six state parks; which were dedicated on June 13 and 14, 1936, with Governor G.C. Perry presiding; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's State Parks have been nationally recognized as the best managed state park systems in the country; and

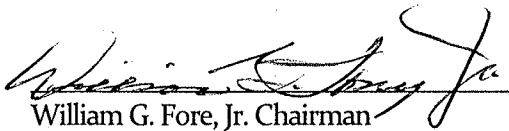
WHEREAS, Twin Lakes, High Bridge Trail, and Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Parks draws visitors from far and wide, thus contributing to the local economy, and the recreational and educational opportunities for Prince Edward County;

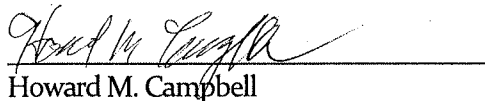
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia hereby congratulates the Virginia State Parks system on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, and specifically honors our very own Twin Lakes State Park, High Bridge Trail State Park, and Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park and pledges our support and best wishes for many years to come; and

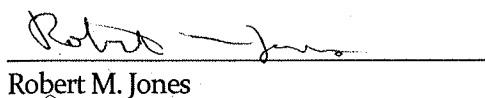
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward does hereby designate Saturday June 18, 2011 as "Twin Lakes, High Bridge Trail, and Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Parks Day" in the County of Prince Edward, Virginia.

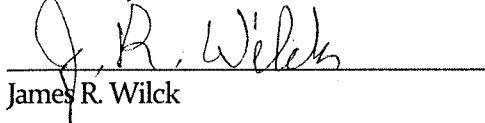
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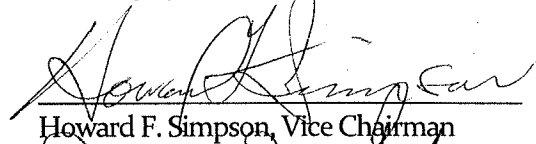
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward at a regular meeting in Prince Edward County, Virginia, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed, this 12th day of April, 2011.

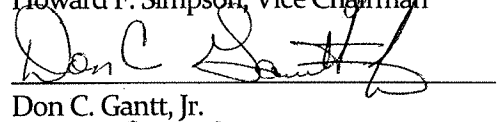

William G. Fore, Jr. Chairman

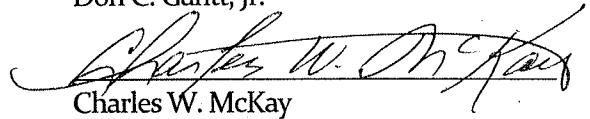

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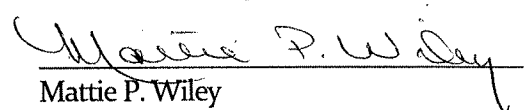

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