

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #8-J: "LET'S OPEN DOORS RESOLUTION"

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC has been requested to approve a resolution supporting "Let's Open Doors", and their campaign to improve accessibility for all citizens.

BACKGROUND:

Let's Open Doors is an organization dedicated to advocating for equal access to all facilities. President Gail Mottola spoke at the HRPDC meeting in April about the need to make entry doors more accessible for persons with disabilities and/or age related problems. The organization has requested support for their campaign by adoption of the enclosed resolution.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to execute the attached resolution pertaining to the HRPDC supporting "Let's Open Doors".



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2014-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
SUPPORTING "LET'S OPEN DOORS"**

WHEREAS, It is the civil right of persons with disabilities to have equal access to public accommodations as defined by the Act; and

WHEREAS, this right was established with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, entry doors of many existing buildings are outdated and heavy for patrons with disabilities and/or age related problems; and

WHEREAS, the retrofit of entry doors will accommodate persons with disabilities and the approximately 77% projected population needing increased home health/personal health care, allowing their longer participation in community life as consumers; and

WHEREAS, Lets Open Doors is an organization dedicated to advocating for equal access to all facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission hereby expresses its support for, Let's Open Doors, and their campaign to improve accessibility for all citizens.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 19th day of June 2014.

Kenneth I. Wright
Chairman

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary