



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2019-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION TO  
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION**

**WHEREAS**, flooding during high tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that if unaddressed will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the sea level in Hampton Roads has risen approximately 14 inches since 1950 and approximately eight inches since 1990, and has accelerated in recent years, with scientific assessments projecting another four feet of sea level rise by 2100; and

**WHEREAS**, sea level rise poses a serious threat to coastal Virginia, especially given the land subsidence occurring in the region, which compounds global sea level trends; and

**WHEREAS**, investing to proactively prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that each dollar spent on disaster prevention saves between four and seven dollars in recovery costs; and

**WHEREAS**, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal communities to fully address the challenge of sea level rise and flooding, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise to support local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Flood Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance local sea level rise planning and mitigation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding and sea level rise are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid the HRPDC's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of Hampton Roads residents and the prosperity of the region's economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding.

**Now therefore, be it resolved** that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission hereby:

Agrees to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and to work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the residents of the Hampton Roads region.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

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Michael J. Hipple  
Chair  
Hampton Roads  
Planning District Commission

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