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 18th day of July 2019.

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Chair
Hampton Roads
Planning District Commission

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Planning District Commission