

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND
COMMENDING PAUL V. MILDE, III, FOR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON THE STAFFORD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO THE
CITIZENS OF STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Paul V. Milde, III, represented the citizens of the Aquia District from 2006 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the Board of Supervisors, he was elected by his peers to serve as Chairman in 2017 and Vice Chairman in 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde's crowning achievement is the establishment of the Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve. He founded SaveCrowsNest.com before he was elected to the Board with a goal of preserving the Crow's Nest peninsula in Stafford County. Upon becoming supervisor, he created an innovative funding strategy that allowed Stafford County to partner with the Commonwealth of Virginia to purchase and save Crow's Nest from development. He led efforts to create what is now a Natural Area Preserve consisting of 3,000 acres of a diverse ecosystem with nesting grounds for migratory birds, hardwood forests, trails, and a kayak launch; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde has been a voice for saving open land, and led the efforts to establish the County's Purchase of Development Rights Program and the Transfer of Development Rights Program. He was also a strong supporter of conservation easements, the establishment of parks and other land conservation practices that saved more than 10,000 acres from development in Stafford County. He has also had an impact on land preservation statewide in his role as appointed trustee on the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde has been a staunch advocate for Stafford County and the region's transportation needs and solutions by serving on the: Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, acting as chairman three times; the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission; and the Virginia Railway Express, as chairman twice. During his time serving these organizations as well as the Board of Supervisors, hundreds of millions of dollars were invested in transportation infrastructure in the area. The Falmouth Intersection was renovated, Route 17 was widened, funding was secured for the creation of a new Courthouse Road Interchange off I-95 as well as the widening of Courthouse Road, the Hot Lanes were added to the interstate and extended and Truslow Road, Mountain View Road and Poplar Road were all improved as the result of the Youth Driver Safety Study; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Milde's tenure on the Board of Supervisors, the Board utilized the Public-Private Transportation Act to accelerate critical road projects and fully leverage state revenue sharing funding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde worked tirelessly with his R-Board colleagues in assuring that the Rappahannock Regional Landfill is positioned to offer viable long-term solid waste services to the residents of the Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde served as Stafford's representative on the Quantico Growth Management Committee along with other area leaders. The committee fostered regional cooperation on: transportation, growth and land use around the base; economic development; assessed and made proactive plans regarding the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations; and created a closer relationship between local officials and Quantico. Mr. Milde also served on the group's successor, the Quantico Executive Regional Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Paul Milde never wavered in his support of the establishment and maintenance of the Stafford Civil War Park, which is now a well-attended park and historical resource in the County. He was also integral to the establishment of Government Island as a park, supporting its founder, Jane Comer, in her efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde is a vigorous proponent of economic development. During his time on the Board, taxes were kept low, spending was limited, Stafford led the state in job growth, Stafford County earned two AAA bond ratings and multiple new businesses were opened, including Stafford Hospital; and

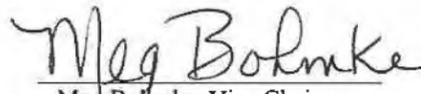
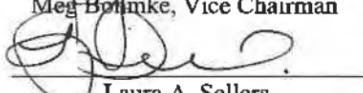
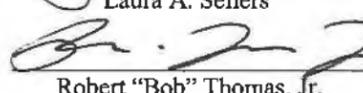
WHEREAS, Mr. Milde's love of animals prompted him to be instrumental in the funding and ongoing construction of the new Stafford Animal Shelter, a facility that will triple the shelter's capacity and make a more humane shelter; and

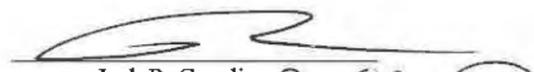
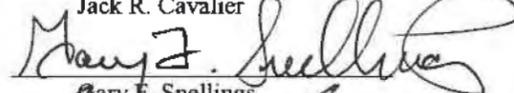
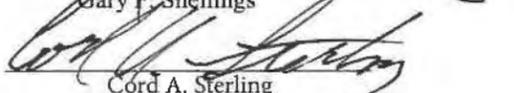
WHEREAS, Paul Milde is an active member of a number of organizations in the community. He is a member of the Aquia Harbour Lions Club, the Stafford Rotary and Andrew Chapel Methodist Church, as well as a strong supporter of the Stafford SPCA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milde is the owner of a long-time Stafford County business, Closet Interiors Plus, Inc. contributing to Stafford's economy and providing jobs in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 19th day of December, 2017, that it be and hereby does recognize and commend Paul V. Milde, III, for his outstanding and dedicated service to Stafford County and its citizens.




Meg Bolmke, Vice Chairman

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