

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 284

*Commending the Virginia Emergency Management Association.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the Virginia Emergency Management Association is a statewide organization that promotes and supports the twin goals of saving lives and protecting property during times of emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Emergency Management Association was established in 1963 to promote, support, and advocate for emergency management professionals in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Virginia Emergency Management Association is to be the recognized expert and advocate for excellence in the management of emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Emergency Management Symposium, an annual event cosponsored by the Virginia Emergency Management Association and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, provides a forum to discuss current trends and topics and share information about the latest tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, each political subdivision in the Commonwealth has a director of emergency management, and each local and interjurisdictional agency prepares an emergency operations plan for its area; the Virginia Emergency Management Association coordinates with local agencies to ensure that effective plans are put in place and maintained; and

WHEREAS, members of the Virginia Emergency Management Association review and assist with emergency plans for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, and child care centers; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Virginia Emergency Management Association's history, its hardworking members have played an integral role in the preparedness, response, and mitigation of a wide range of crisis situations, limiting damage to property and reducing loss of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Emergency Management Association and its members for their service to the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Foresman, president of the Virginia Emergency Management Association, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the association's commitment to saving lives and protecting property during times of emergencies and disasters.

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