

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 729

Commending the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board.

Agreed to by the Senate, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has provided a comprehensive array of community-based services to residents of the Virginia Peninsula who are affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board was created in 1971 by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia and by resolution of the city councils of Hampton and Newport News; and

WHEREAS, operating on a local level and being accountable to local government, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board is uniquely qualified to provide rapid, flexible, and accessible services to the individuals and families it serves; and

WHEREAS, a member of Health Planning Region 5 and recognized by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has provided essential services to individuals in need of both acute and long-term services; and

WHEREAS, the programs of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board have directly contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life on the Virginia Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, by working in partnership with individuals, family members, advocates, and other local service agencies, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has provided assistance to those citizens least able to care for themselves and enabled them to become vital, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, many dedicated citizen volunteers have represented the cities of Hampton and Newport News as members of the Board of Directors of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, ensuring that the organization remains deeply engaged with these communities and continues to provide high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board was the first community services board in the Commonwealth to pursue and achieve the benchmark of national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence by establishing a dynamic, innovative, and visionary service delivery system in partnership with individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and staff members of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board have built an exemplary record of providing high-quality services to the citizens of the Virginia Peninsula and have created model programs that have gained both statewide and national recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the Virginia Peninsula; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Natale Christian, executive director of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's appreciation for the organization's dedication to the betterment of the Commonwealth.

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