

## 2020 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 228

*Commending King George County.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, King George County, which was established via charter in November 1720, will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, King George County serves as the natural land gateway to the Northern Neck of Virginia; bordered by the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers and serving as a natural border between Virginia and Maryland, King George County has long functioned as a focal point for commerce and trade both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, King George County has featured prominently in the history of the nation; it was the birthplace of James Madison, the childhood home of George Washington, the location of land owned by James Monroe, and the site of the signing of the Leedstown Resolutions, which served as the precursor to the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, King George County is home to more than 14 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including historic homes such as Belle Grove, Cleydael, Marmion, and Nanzatico and historic churches such as Emmanuel Church, Lamb's Creek Church, and St. Paul's Church; and

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, King George County has served as the home of Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, one of the country's preeminent military research and development centers; named in honor of Rear Admiral John Adolphus Dahlgren; what began as a gun test facility in 1918 has grown over the years to support numerous scientific and response-force missions serving all branches of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, King George County has long strived to provide its young people with first-rate educational opportunities and has endeavored to promote the growth of business and industry within the county and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the King George County Board of Supervisors celebrated November 15, 2019, as King George County Founders' Day to honor the county's rich local history and this momentous occasion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend King George County on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the King George County Board of Supervisors as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for King George County's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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