RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE LOCAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATION TO SUPPORT STATE FUNDING TO DEVELOP BISCUIT RUN PARK IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the State acquired the approximately 1,200 acre property located in Albemarle County known as "Biscuit Run" in 2009 and thereafter developed a master plan to develop it as a State park; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the State to develop Biscuit Run as a State park was estimated in 2017 to be approximately $42,000,000, an amount that was never funded; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, the County entered into a 99-year lease of Biscuit Run with the State for the purpose of developing it as a County and regional park; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's January 4, 2018 press release stated: "This new partnership will allow for the park to open sooner than expected and will provide high-quality recreational opportunities for Albemarle County and the surrounding communities"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a master plan for Biscuit Run Park on December 15, 2018, and it was thereafter reviewed and approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to develop Biscuit Run Park over three phases as planned is estimated to be between $31,000,000 and $34,000,000; and

WHEREAS, despite Biscuit Run Park being characterized as both a County and a regional park, other localities in the region have declined to provide funding to develop the park; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2019, the Board held a public meeting with its local delegation of the General Assembly or their representatives to share the Board's legislative priorities for the 2020 General Assembly session, and they included a request for a State commitment to provide $15,000,000 in funding for Biscuit Run Park over three years; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019, the Board adopted a resolution stating its support for including $5,000,000 in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2021 budget to fund, in part, the development of Biscuit Run Park by Albemarle County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, requests that those members of the General Assembly whose districts include Albemarle County support the Commonwealth providing $5,000,000 in the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2021 budget to fund, in part, the development of Biscuit Run Park by Albemarle County.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

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Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Dill	____	____
Mr. Gallaway	____	____
Ms. Mallek	____	____
Ms. McKeel	____	____
Ms. Palmer	____	____
Mr. Randolph	____	____