BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOUISA
RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Louisa held in the Louisa County Public Meeting Room at 5:00 PM on the 15th day of September 2025, at which the following members were present, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of all members of the Board of Supervisors, the vote being recorded in the minutes of the meeting as shown below:

RESULT:	
MOVER:	None
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	None
NAYS:	None

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINED STATE FUNDING FOR PHOSPHORUS REMEDIATION TO ADDRESS HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS (HABs) AT LAKE ANNA

WHEREAS, Lake Anna, created in the early 1970s as the cooling reservoir for the North Anna Power Station, is a vital resource for the Commonwealth of Virginia, spanning more than 13,000 acres across Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Orange Counties; and

WHEREAS, Lake Anna is one of Virginia's most popular recreational lakes, home to Lake Anna State Park and multiple marinas, campgrounds, and rental businesses, and it serves as a major driver of economic activity and tourism for Louisa County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has issued annual "No Swim Advisories" for portions of Lake Anna since 2018 due to Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), which are fueled by excess phosphorus and pose risks to public health, pets, aquatic life, and recreational use of the lake; and

WHEREAS, recurring HAB advisories during peak summer months negatively impact the health, safety, and well-being of residents and visitors, diminish tourism revenue, and place downward pressure on property values throughout Louisa County and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has recognized this issue by appropriating $1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 and $750,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 to initiate a phosphorus remediation program through the Lake Anna Advisory Committee (LAAC), which has already

demonstrated measurable success in reducing phosphorus levels and improving water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Anna community has further demonstrated its commitment by investing more than $250,000 in local funds through the Lake Anna Civic Association (LACA) to support monitoring, data collection, and treatment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, addressing HABs is not a one-time effort but requires sustained and consistent investment to ensure long-term success in restoring water quality, protecting public health, and preserving the economic vitality of Lake Anna and its surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of September, 2025, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its strong support for the inclusion of at least $1,000,000 annually in the Commonwealth of Virginia's budget for the continued phosphorus remediation program at Lake Anna for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor of Virginia and the General Assembly to provide this critical funding to protect one of Virginia's most valuable natural and economic resources; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Virginia, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, and the members of Louisa County's legislative delegation to the Virginia General Assembly.

A Copy, teste:

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Christian R. Goodwin, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
Louisa County, Virginia