



HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2011-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL PARK AT FORT MONROE**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, is considering the establishment of a unit of the National Park System at Fort Monroe; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1819, Fort Monroe has played an important role in the history of the United States and of the Hampton Roads region; and

WHEREAS, Fort Monroe was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1960, thus formalizing national recognition of its historic importance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army, as a result of the work of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission, will close Fort Monroe in 2011; and

WHEREAS, under the auspices of the Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority, a comprehensive reuse plan for Fort Monroe has been developed and that plan anticipates uses for economic and tourism development, environmental and historic preservation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service would bring considerable expertise to protection and enhancement of the important historical and environmental attributes of Fort Monroe; and

WHEREAS, establishment of Fort Monroe as a unit of the National Park System is supportive of local, regional, state and national goals for preservation, development and sustainability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission endorses the establishment of Fort Monroe as a National Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission urges the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress and the agencies of the federal Executive Branch to move expeditiously in accomplishing the establishment of the Fort Monroe National Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 21 day of July, 2011.



Stan D. Clark
Chairman



Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary