



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2011-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
ENDORING REALITY CHECK HAMPTON ROADS**

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads region is expected to grow by more than 350,000 people by 2035, the equivalent of another Chesapeake and Hampton; and

WHEREAS, citizens then as now will want adequate housing, transportation options, a vibrant regional economy, and protected natural assets; and

WHEREAS, gathering concerned and committed individuals from across the region in one place to envision how Hampton Roads can create optimal living and working environments, and to devise a coherent set of principles to guide future land use, will have lasting value; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute, which facilitates an open exchange of ideas, information, and experience among local, national, and international industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating better places, offers a nationally acclaimed program called Reality Check that brings 300 individuals representing housing, environmental protection, transportation, business, non-profits, civic interests, planning and government together for a one day visioning exercise; and

WHEREAS, regions that compete with Hampton Roads, such as Washington DC, Raleigh-Durham, Tampa-St. Petersburg, Charleston and Baltimore have conducted Reality Checks that have helped guide their current and future place making; and

WHEREAS, ULI's Hampton Roads District Council has agreed to conduct a Reality Check during 2012 involving residents and interest groups from all 17 jurisdictions across southeastern Virginia, thus enhancing regional cooperation through a shared land use vision; and

WHEREAS, ULI Hampton Roads will make the results available to regional leaders, now and into the future, and will maintain the momentum from Reality Check through its programs and other resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission endorses the efforts of ULI Hampton Roads and offers its participation to ensure that Reality Check is well promoted and attended and produces a workable set of guiding principles that will make our region one in which future generations will wish to live, work and play for years to come.

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