

**16. RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE
100th ANNIVERSARY OF COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION**

Attached for your consideration, please find a resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

MOTION REQUIRED:

If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION 0414-16

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
The Honorable Ronald M. West, Vice Chairman
The Honorable Alan W. Edwards
The Honorable Carl J. Faison
The Honorable S. Bruce Phillips
The Honorable Barry T. Porter
The Honorable Glenn H. Updike

IN RE: CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE SMITH-LEVER ACT, THE FOUNDING LEGISLATION OF THE NATIONWIDE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Motion by Supervisor _____:

Whereas, U.S. Sen. Hoke Smith of Georgia and U.S. Rep. A. F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the “vocational, agricultural and home demonstration programs in rural America” by bringing the research-based knowledge of the land-grant universities to people where they live and work; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension is a critical component of the three-part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with research, particularly the Agricultural Experiment Station System, and academic programs in 106 colleges and universities, including historically black, Native American and Hispanic-serving institutions; in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and six U.S. territories to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities; and

Whereas, the Cooperative Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic leadership and support enabled by the Smith Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension’s research-based education for farmers and ranchers helped establish the United States as a leading agricultural-producing nation in the world; and

Whereas, since 1924, when the clover emblem was adopted by USDA to represent 4-H, Cooperative Extension's nationwide youth development program has reached millions of youth and helped prepare them for responsible adulthood; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension prepares people for healthy, productive lives through sustained education, such as the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, breaking the cycle of poverty and reducing expenditures for federal and state assistance programs; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension provides rapid response to disasters and emergencies through the Extension Disaster Education Network and other similar efforts by providing real-time alerts and resources so Extension educators can respond to urgent needs resulting from hurricanes, floods, oil spills, fire, drought, pest outbreaks and infectious diseases affecting humans, livestock and crops; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension translates science-based research for practical application through local and online learning networks where educators are uniquely available to identify emerging research questions, connect with land-grant university faculty to find answers and encourage application of findings to improve economic and social conditions; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension engages with rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, resulting in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and motivation to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, help people make healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality and grow the next generation of leaders; and

Whereas, many states and localities are celebrating the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act with resolutions and proclamations, and many land-grant institutions also are commemorating the signing of the historic legislation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County:

Recognizes the significance of the Smith-Lever Act to the establishment of Cooperative Extension nationwide; and

Encourages the people of the United States to observe and celebrate the centennial with a focus on launching an innovative and sustainable future for Cooperative Extension; and

Honors the university faculty and local educators who dedicate careers to providing trusted education to help people, families, youth, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future; and

Thanks Cooperative Extension volunteers who provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and consumer sciences and other programs in their communities; and

Encourages continued collaboration and cooperation among federal, state and local governments to

