

11. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY AS A CHILD FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater (SBWT) is a collaboration of multiple agencies serving the counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton and the City of Franklin and is committed to ensuring that all children in Western Tidewater enter school healthy and ready to learn.

In this regard, SBWT is requesting all of its member jurisdictions to adopt resolutions supporting the concept of child friendly communities in an effort to encourage parents, teachers, and community stakeholders to work together to make a positive difference in the lives of young children throughout Western Tidewater.

It's my understanding that Isle of Wight County adopted a similar resolution last fall, and the City of Franklin will be considering adoption in the coming weeks.

MOTION REQUIRED: A motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
AS A CHILD FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County desires to designate the County as a child friendly community; and

WHEREAS, a child friendly community envisions parents, teachers and community stakeholders working together to make a positive difference in the lives of young children throughout Western Tidewater; and

WHEREAS, various local, regional and state organizations are working collaboratively to improve early learning opportunities and promote healthy lifestyles for children; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to their future success; and

WHEREAS, community and recreational facilities must be designed to stimulate children's cognitive and values development, health, and well-being in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, child friendly communities allow children to have the freedom to explore the world around them in physical, emotional and spiritual safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia that Southampton County be, and hereby is, designated as a Child Friendly Community.

Adopted this 28th day of January 2013.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk