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WHEREAS, in 2006, CSX retained the services of McCallum Sweeney Consulting, a site selection consulting firm that specializes in the identification of potential mega sites and the marketing of mega sites, to identify a viable mega site location in Virginia;

WHEREAS, McCallum Sweeney identified one site for CSX in the Commonwealth of Virginia that had the potential to receive the certification of McCallum Sweeney;

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center (MAMaC) is located at Interstate 95, Exit 13 in Greensville County approximately three miles north of the City of Emporia along the CSX mainline rail;

WHEREAS, all certification criteria including, but not limited to, the control of all real property, the provision of 2 million gallons per day of water and wastewater services, the provision of adequate vehicular access, electric, natural gas services and resolution of environmental issues were appropriately addressed to the satisfaction of McCallum Sweeney;

WHEREAS, McCallum Sweeney certified the MAMaC site on January 28, 2008 and MAMaC remains as the only mega site certified by McCallum Sweeney in the Commonwealth of Virginia as of this date;

WHEREAS, the development of a mega site in Southside Virginia will have a transformational impact on the economic conditions of Southampton County through the creation of new jobs, higher wages and increased business activity within the region;

WHEREAS, new marketing opportunities will be created for industrial sites within Southampton County and the region for new businesses and industries wanting to locate near the mega site, increasing investment and job creation in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors recognizes the transformational benefits of the development of MAMaC to the citizens of Southampton County and Southside Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors supports the development of Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center as a regional economic development opportunity and supports the regional effort to secure grant funds from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Virginia Tobacco Commission to purchase and develop the MAMaC site.