



Resolution of Adoption

Supporting *Vision Hampton Roads* as the Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Partnership and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, as partners, made the decision in 2009 to co-chair and lead the process of developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), following the guidelines and requirements of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the planning process to date has involved over 150 volunteers that served on the CEDS Strategy Committee and/or the four Task Forces established around key elements of the regional economy (Federal, Port& Maritime, Tourism & Opportunities) and incorporated a public comment/responsiveness plan resulting in productive feedback from nearly 500 participants; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS Strategy Committee, given the oversight to develop and implement the plan known as *Vision Hampton Roads*, held quarterly meetings to review progress in plan development and the fulfillment of necessary EDA requirements, was convened on February 19, 2010 to review the final draft.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on February 19, 2010 the Strategy Committee, unanimously approved *Vision Hampton Roads* (CEDS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution of Adoption will be added to the final document for submission to the Economic Development Administration for their review and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a solid horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to read "E. Dana Dickens".

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