

**Caroline County
Board of Supervisors Agenda
Executive Summary**

Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Title: Consent Agenda – Adoption of a Resolution Designating September 12-16, 2022 as “Disability Voting Rights Week” in Caroline County

(Check Mark)

Consent

Action

No Action (Information Only)

Resolution

Closed Meeting

Public Hearing

Ordinance

PowerPoint Presentation

Summary: Attached is a letter from Debra Fults, Executive Director of the disAbility Resource Center of the Rappahannock Area, Inc., requesting adoption of a resolution declaring September 12-16, 2022 as “Disability Voting Rights Week” in Caroline County.

A copy of the proposed resolution is attached.

Budget Impact: N/A

Requested Action from Board of Supervisors: Adopt attached resolution as presented



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August 16, 2022

Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator
Caroline County
P.O. Box 447
Bowling Green, VA 22427

Dear Mr. Culley:

This year Disability Voting Rights Week will take place September 12-16, 2022. It is hosted by the American Association of People with Disabilities' REV UP Campaign. Through Disability Voting Rights Week, REV UP works to make sure that people with disabilities are registered and ready to vote in upcoming elections.

The disAbility Resource Center will be celebrating Disability Voting Rights Week at our Fall Festival event on September 24, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds. The dRC will highlight voting rights for people with disabilities at its Fall Family Festival by including vendors from the League of Women Voters who will help people register to vote and the FXBG Registrar's office who will answer questions about voting.

The disAbility Resource Center would be honored if the City of Fredericksburg would sponsor an official proclamation recognizing September 12 – 16, 2022, as Disability Voting Rights Week. Your proclamation would lend official recognition to raising awareness about the power of the disability vote. I have enclosed a sample proclamation which may help your office compose the appropriate proclamation for the City of Fredericksburg.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 540-373-2559.

Sincerely,

Debra Fults
Executive Director
disAbility Resource Center





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**CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS there are over 61 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States; AND

WHEREAS there are 3,358 (12.0%) of people with disabilities living in Caroline County; AND

WHEREAS there are over 38 million Americans with disabilities are eligible voters; AND

WHEREAS the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that affect them and their integration into our communities; AND

WHEREAS getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities to live in the community; AND

WHEREAS voting is an important way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state, and national elections; AND

WHEREAS there are multiple efforts to develop state disability coalitions around the issue of voting; AND

WHEREAS the disAbility Resource Center of the Rappahannock Area is joining the national REV UP, (Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!) in a national effort to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions; AND

WHEREAS members of national disability rights community is organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) September 12 to 16, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Caroline County, Virginia, supports the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Caroline County, Virginia designates the week of September 12 to 16, 2022 as National Disability Voter Registration Week.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 12-16, 2022 AS “DISABILITY VOTING RIGHTS WEEK” IN CAROLINE COUNTY

WHEREAS, there are over 61 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,358 (12%) people with disabilities living in Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, over 38 million Americans with disabilities are eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at the local, state and national levels that affect them and their integration into our communities; and

WHEREAS, getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities who live in a community; and

WHEREAS, voting is an important way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state and national elections; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple efforts to develop state disability coalitions around the issue of voting; and

WHEREAS, the disAbility Resource Center of the Rappahannock Area is joining the national REV UP (Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!) in a national effort to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions; and

WHEREAS, members of the national disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) September 12 to 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Caroline County, Virginia supports the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caroline County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the week of September 12 to 16, 2022 as “*Disability Voting Rights Week*” in Caroline County.

Adopted this 13th day of September 2022.

Charles M. Culley, Jr.
Clerk to the Board

Reginald L. Underwood
Chairman