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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION RELATING TO A
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD FOR VIRGINIA
TO BE INTRODUCED DURING THE 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
BY SENATOR MARY MARGARET WHIPPLE**

WHEREAS, Senator Mary Margaret Whipple will patron a bill during the 2007 General Assembly session called a Renewable Portfolio Standard for Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require electric utilities to obtain a certain portion of their generation from renewable sources, phased in over time, and achieving 12 percent by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the bill provides cost recovery for the utilities and exempts municipal utilities and cooperatives from the requirement; and,

WHEREAS, utilities that fail to provide their own renewable sources of generation may purchase Renewable Energy credits, failing that must make alternative compliance payments to the Virginia Sustainable Energy and Energy Efficiency/Conservation Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the bill further requires that the electric utilities achieve a 5 percent reduction in energy use through conservation and efficiency measures; and,

WHEREAS, Arlington County already requires that a portion of its share of electricity come from renewable sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia endorses the enactment of a Renewable Portfolio Standard for Virginia; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board strongly supports the Renewable Portfolio Standard for Virginia as proposed by Senator Mary Margaret Whipple.

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