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PROCLAMATION

CHESAPEAKE BAY DEADRISE DAY

JUNE 1, 2025

WHEREAS, the history and importance of the Chesapeake Bay Deadrise is especially crucial for the region as this purpose-built vessel is meticulously designed to effortlessly handle the rigors of the Chesapeake Bay, especially in rough waters, to provide stability for operating dredges, nets, and pots in shallow depths; and

WHEREAS, the Deadrise is crafted through the technique of cross-planking, which features bottom boards running perpendicular from the side of the boat, seamlessly converging at the keel's core; and

WHEREAS, the term originates from the vessel's design, beginning with an acute bow where the bottom boards are vertically aligned, gradually transitioning to a flatter profile towards the stern and over the boards located in the bow, referred to as the deadwood; and

WHEREAS, the boat, with its wooden hull, is distinguished by a sharp bow transforming into a flat V shape towards the stern, complemented by a compact cabin at the front and a spacious work area at the rear; and

WHEREAS, watermen and their boats play a crucial role in coastal communities by harvesting seafood and transporting fresh catches, sustaining local economies and providing access to essential food sources; and

WHEREAS, the unmatched beauty and craftsmanship of this vessel stand as a testament to its exceptional quality and artistry; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay Deadrise is recognized in the Code of Virginia Title 1, Chapter 5, Article 2 as the official designation of the Boat in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the York County Board of Supervisors that June 1, 2025, be designated as Chesapeake Bay Deadrise Day in the County of York, Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of York, Virginia, to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2025.



Sheila S. Noll
Sheila S. Noll, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors