

RESOLUTION NUMBER

**REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF SUFFOLK'S COMMITMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the structures and limitations of government are expressed in the Constitution of the United States of America (the "U.S. Constitution") and the Virginia Constitution, and amendments thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Suffolk, Virginia has only those powers granted to it by the General Assembly and Article VII of the Virginia Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is required to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the federal and state judiciary have exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to Article III of the U.S. Constitution and Article VI of the Virginia Constitution to determine the constitutionality of laws passed by the respective legislatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Suffolk, Virginia respects the structures and limitations of government as expressed in the U.S. Constitution and Virginia Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Suffolk has full faith that the division of powers expressed in Articles I, II, and III of the U.S. Constitution and Articles III, IV, V, and VI of the Virginia Constitution shall continue to operate to prevent any laws that infringe upon the rights guaranteed to the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Suffolk that City of Suffolk shall not administer or enforce any law that is adjudicated by an appropriate Court to violate either the U.S. Constitution or Virginia Constitution.

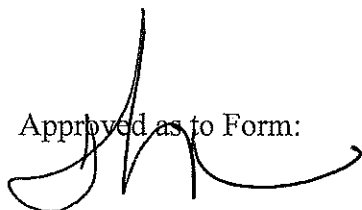
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by virtue of their Oaths of Office the City Council of the City of Suffolk fully supports both the U.S. and Virginia Constitutions and the rule of law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Suffolk City Council directs the City of Suffolk City Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the City of Suffolk's elected representatives in the Virginia General Assembly.

READ AND ADOPTED: _____

TESTE: _____
Erika S. Dawley, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Helivi L. Holland, City Attorney