



**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
COOK FOUNDATION
ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Cook Foundation in celebrating its 25th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in August 1999, the Foundation has been committed to bringing the arts to Gloucester, for the benefit of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, inspired by her mother's love for the arts, its founder, Adrienne Ryder-Cook Joseph, envisioned a vibrant community where art flourished in various forms; and

WHEREAS, through the years, the Foundation has sponsored many artistic initiatives and public arts projects to include the Virginia Symphony's outdoor performances, the Beehive Project, Main Street flower baskets, and the Gloucester Arts Festival; and

WHEREAS, through the Plein Air competitions, murals, and sculpture displays, the Cook Foundation has been instrumental in making art accessible and available to all; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's support of and partnership with other local organizations such as Arts on Main, the Woodville School, and the Fairfield Foundation, have expanded its reach and enhanced the cultural landscape of Gloucester County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors that the Cook Foundation is hereby congratulated on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to the Cook Foundation as an expression of respect and appreciation for the Foundation's work to transform Gloucester into a vibrant, art-loving community.

Christopher A. Hutson, Chair
Gloucester County Board of Supervisors
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