

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2014-10

A RESOLUTION to support the nomination of Mallows Bay on the Potomac River in Charles County as a National Marine Sanctuary.

WHEREAS, Mallows Bay on the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland is a site of National significance, rich in America's maritime history, and an ecologically important resource; and

WHEREAS, Mallows Bay is unique, but largely unknown, as the location of the largest and most varied collection of historic shipwrecks in the United States from the Revolutionary War to the present, including the largest assemblage of World War I wooden steamship remains; and

WHEREAS, these shipwrecks and the shipbreaking operations that occurred at this site from 1922 – 1945 have created a unique marine and terrestrial ecosystem offering tremendous opportunities for education, conservation, recreational fishing and boating, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has worked to conserve and promote public access to Mallows Bay and its historic and natural resources by establishing a day-use park and partnering with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources constructing a boat ramp at the site; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Charles County have been advised that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is soliciting nominations of areas of the marine environment having nationally significant historical, ecological, research, recreational or aesthetic values for consideration as new National Marine Sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, a National Marine Sanctuary designation for Mallows Bay would focus national attention on this treasure, provide a new catalyst for conservation, education, public access and tourism and be the first in the Chesapeake watershed;

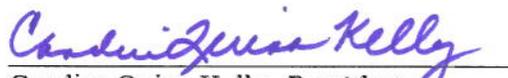
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, hereby support the nomination and designation of Mallows Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary;

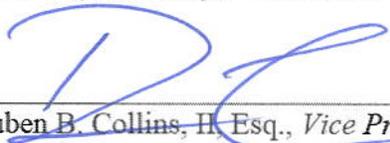
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation and General Assembly representing Charles County, the NOAA Administrator and the Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on the date of adoption.

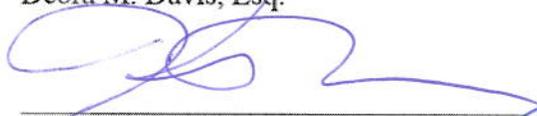
Adopted this 6th day of May, 2014.

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