



The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

Resolution R1-2006

A RESOLUTION of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton supporting a feasibility study by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, to possibly create a public historic water trail through the Chesapeake Bay to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first English settlement in America and Captain John Smith's exploration of the Bay.

WHEREAS, Captain John Smith's exploration and mapping of the upper Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in 1608 brought the explorer to points near the Elkton community and consequently his exploration in this area has local historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has been authorized by federal legislation to conduct a feasibility study for the possible creation of a proposed public historic water trail incorporating the path of Captain Smith's journey through the Chesapeake Bay, the proposed *Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail*, to be incorporated into the National Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the proposed *Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail* would provide an excellent opportunity for the public to learn about Captain Smith's exploration of the Chesapeake Bay, about his interaction with native Americans who lived in Maryland at the time, and how the importance of his journey contributed to later growth and development of communities along the shores of the Bay and its tributaries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton hereby support and encourage the National Park Service to pursue the feasibility of establishing the *Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Governor, State of Maryland, to Maryland's Congressional representatives, to the Secretary, United States Department of the Interior, and to the Director, National Park Service.

READ AND PASSED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006

**The Mayor and Commissioners
of the Town of Elkton**

Mayor Joseph L. Fisona
Commissioner John K. Burkley, II
Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr.
Commissioner Earl M. Piner, Sr.
Commissioner C. Gary Storke