

At a meeting of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors held on February 27, 2018, on a motion by _____ and passed _____ to _____, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

**Statement of Support for the Implementation of an Unmanned Aircraft System Program in
Spotsylvania County**

WHEREAS, Spotsylvania County will be receiving a federal pass through grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) to be utilized by the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of two unmanned aircraft systems (UAS); and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office will be the implementing agency for this regional grant, with partners to include the Sheriff's Offices from the Counties of Caroline, Louisa, and Orange, as well as the Spotsylvania County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that a UAS can assist in numerous public safety operations to include but not limited to: surveillance of illegal activities per appropriate court orders; monitoring of special events and traffic; accident reconstruction; search and rescue operations; de-escalation of confrontational situations; response to fires and hazardous materials incidents; and damage assessments; and

WHEREAS, the SHSP grant requires compliance with the February 15, 2015 Presidential Memorandum--"Promoting Economic Competitiveness While Safeguarding Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems"-- a local government implementing a UAS program must have in place policies and procedures to safeguard individuals' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties prior to expending any grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the SHSP grant requires a comprehensive multi-department program that will include policies and procedures that address operational deployment, training, UAS remote pilot proficiency, maintenance, airworthiness, data storage and documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is in the process of adopting a General Order to address all of the UAS requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) considers UAS as aircraft and requires that they comply with Federal Aviation Regulations; and

WHEREAS, federal law has created four primary categories of unmanned aircraft operators to include Part 107 Remote Pilots, Model Aircraft Operators, 333 Exemption Holders, and Public Operators; and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office wishes to obtain a FAA Public Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) in order to operate the UAS for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the COA will define how and where the UAS can be used; and

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WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office will also have several sworn law enforcement officers certified by the FAA as Part 107 Remote Pilots; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the UAS will conform with either the COA or the regulations under 14 CFR Part 107 as determined on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the UAS will adhere to all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules pertaining to privacy, UAS operations, and UAS data storage; and

WHEREAS, the UAS will be registered in accordance with all applicable FAA regulations (14 CFR Part 47 and 48) and that this registration information will be provided to the FAA, Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Aviation, along with aircraft type, payload capability, and contact information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors that the Board of Supervisors hereby supports the implementation of an UAS program, with Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office being responsible for the UAS program.

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