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Recognizing March as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) refers to a number of processes and techniques used to manage or resolve conflict. ADR is an alternative to traditional adversarial processes and helps disputing parties reach mutually agreeable outcomes that consider the needs of all involved and minimize cost, while improving communication and moral.

Fairfax County has historically celebrated March as ADR month and also recognizes a leader in this field. This year's recipient is Dr. Charles L. Chavis, Jr. Dr. Chavis is an Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution and History and the Director of the John Mitchell, Jr. Program for History, Justice, and Race, at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that we recognize March as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month in Fairfax County and that we invite Professor Chavis to come before the Board on March 10, 2020 to receive this proclamation.



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Request for a Letter to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Regarding Jeff Todd Way

After September 11, 2001, Woodlawn Road and Beulah Street, which connected Richmond Highway and Telegraph Road was closed to public access through Fort Belvoir for security reasons. Thirteen years later in August 2014, Jeff Todd Way was opened through a partnership with Federal Highways, Fairfax County, Fort Belvoir, the Army Corps of Engineers, VDOT, and many others. This much welcomed east-west link reconnects the community and eliminates at least a ten-minute detour for south county residents.

Jeff Todd Way is located on property owned by Fort Belvoir and the Humphrey Engineering Center and has required many approvals to transfer the road to VDOT and provide for joint jurisdiction, allowing Military Police and the Fairfax County Police Department to patrol and provide traffic enforcement. In November 2016, the Commonwealth of Virginia executed an MOA and transmitted it to be signed by the Army Corps of Engineers, however it has not been executed to date.

It is critical that this agreement is finalized so the Fairfax County Police Department can provide traffic enforcement and promote safe driving and reduced speeds.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors send a letter, under the Chairman's signature, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army requesting immediate support and execution of the necessary agreements.