

Date of Meeting: April 6, 2021

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: Resolution of Commendation for the Virginia Green Initiative

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: April 6, 2021

STAFF CONTACT: Valerie Suzdak, Chief Legislative Aide, Supervisor Umstattd

PURPOSE: The Virginia Green Initiative (VGI) is a non-profit that recognizes the community need to take steps to reduce energy usage and promote sustainability. VGI is celebrating its one-year anniversary.

RECOMMENDATION: Supervisor Umstattd recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt this resolution recognizing the Virginia Green Initiative for their community contribution to environmental sustainability and their one-year anniversary.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Green Initiative, Inc. (VGI) is a non-profit that recognizes communities need to take steps to reduce energy usage and promote sustainability. VGI has been established for one year. VGI encourages businesses to participate in their “Challenge” to enact environmental policies that may reduce emissions, while also saving money.

DRAFT MOTION:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution recognizing the Virginia Green Initiative for their community contribution to environmental sustainability and their one-year anniversary.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution to Recognize the Virginia Green Initiative

RESOLUTION

Virginia Green Initiative

WHEREAS The Virginia Green Initiative (VGI) grew out of the Loudoun County Green Business Challenge to improve and assist businesses to become more sustainable and be recognized for their efforts while having a positive impact on their bottom line; and

WHEREAS VGI has a mission “To motivate Virginians to embrace all facets of sustainability at home and work” and a vision “To be the driving force and trusted resource for sustainability expertise and advocacy in Virginia”; and

WHEREAS VGI has developed a Green Business Challenge for all businesses in Virginia, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the environment for generations of Virginians to come and they award businesses certification levels based on achievements made in a challenge; and

WHEREAS An example of a business that has stepped up to the Green Business Challenge is Little Tree Huggers, who developed a unique sustainable eco-green curriculum, and will host VGI's first Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors expresses its gratitude to the Virginia Green Initiative for their community contribution to environmental sustainability and their one-year anniversary.

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