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2 **Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week** – For the purpose of proclaiming June 6-14, 2020, as
3 Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week; and urging all citizens to recognize the importance of
4 this observance and to participate in events, activities, and educational programs designed
5 to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in our
6 community.

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8 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
9 **City of Annapolis**

10 **Resolution 33-20**

11 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Finlayson**

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16 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

17 **Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week**

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20 **FOR** the purpose of proclaiming June 6-14, 2020, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week;
21 and urging all citizens to recognize the importance of this observance and to
22 participate in events, activities, and educational programs designed to increase
23 awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in our community.

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26 **WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the United
27 States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia;
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30 **WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay watershed, covering 64,000 square miles, is an
31 extraordinary and vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most
32 productive farm and forest lands; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries, including the
35 Susquehanna, Potomac, Rappahannock, York, and James Rivers, and
36 stretches 200 miles from Havre de Grace, Maryland, to Norfolk, Virginia;
37 and

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39 **WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 18 million people,
40 many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their
41 livelihood and recreational activities; and

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43 **WHEREAS,** an important source of food for the State of Maryland and the east coast of
44 the United States, the Chesapeake Bay produces more than 500 million
45 pounds of seafood harvest each year; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the more than 83,000 farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed contribute
2 more than \$10 billion to the regional economy and provide food for millions
3 of Americans; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay's tributaries in Maryland are an important source of
6 drinking water, which is essential for public health and economic growth
7 and a vital resource for future generations; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the rich history, pivotal economic importance, and astounding beauty of the
10 Chesapeake Bay watershed never ceases to amaze residents and visitors
11 alike; and
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13 **WHEREAS** Annapolis is in the Chesapeake Watershed, which is important to the
14 character and quality of life of the community and ultimately the health of
15 the Chesapeake Bay; and
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17 **WHEREAS** as the State Capital, Annapolis recognizes the importance of Chesapeake
18 Bay Week Awareness Week and has encouraged its citizens to do the same.
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21 **NOW THEREFORE,**
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23 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that June 6-14, 2020, is
24 hereby proclaimed Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and all citizens are urged to
25 recognize the importance of this observance and to participate in events, activities, and
26 educational programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake
27 Bay watershed in our community.
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29 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
30 this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.
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33 **EXPLANATION**

34 Underline indicates matter added.

35 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken.