

VIRGINIA: AT A RECESSED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 197 MAIN STREET, IN THE TOWN OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, ON THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, UPON A MOTION AND SECOND:

Resolution No.: 02-11-001

Date: February 11, 2026

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED HOUSE BILL 1377
WHICH WOULD CREATE A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A STATE-
SPONSORED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, House Bill 1377 has been introduced in the 2026 General Assembly Session which in sum creates a task force to determine whether the Virginia Military Institute should continue to be a state-sponsored institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Military Institute (hereinafter VMI) was founded in 1839 as America's first state-sponsored and -supported military college and is the oldest public senior military college in the United States. In keeping with its founding principles and unlike any other senior military college in the United States, VMI enrolls cadets only and awards bachelor's degrees exclusively. The institute grants degrees in disciplines in engineering, science, and the liberal arts; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Military Institute has produced approximately 26,000 graduates during its 186 years of existence many of which have served the United States of America in the U.S. Navy, U.S. States Army, U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Marine Corps including over 285 graduates who have obtained the rank of general or flag officer; and

WHEREAS, VMI has over the years produced many citizen soldiers that have served not only in the military but have been leaders and contributors in medicine, law, engineering, liberal arts and business; and

WHEREAS, VMI has more than proven itself worthy of the Commonwealth of Virginia's investment of public funds in producing citizens soldiers who have served the Commonwealth and the Republic of the United States of America for over 186 years; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tazewell County, Virginia Board of Supervisors that it strongly opposes House Bill 1377 which proposes to create a task force to determine if VMI should continue to be a state-sponsored institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia and accordingly urges the General Assembly to reject said legislation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Virginia and County's Legislative Delegation;

This Resolution was adopted by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors on this the 11th day of February 2026.



Charles E. "Chuck" Presley
Chairman – Board of Supervisors



C. Eric Young,
Tazewell County Administrator

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>All (5)</u>
MEMBERS ABSENT:	<u>None (0)</u>
AYES:	<u>Five (5)</u>
NAYS:	<u>Zero (0)</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>Zero (0)</u>