

Resolution in Support of the Virginia Military Institute

WHEREAS, the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) was established in 1839 as the nation's first state-supported military college and has remained a cornerstone of leadership for 186 years; and

WHEREAS, the VMI Citizen-Soldier model integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with a disciplined military environment, fostering an unmatched level of character development; and

WHEREAS, the **Honor Code**—stating that a cadet does not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do—serves as the bedrock of the VMI experience, instilling a lifelong commitment to integrity; and

WHEREAS, VMI alumni have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces, including General of the Army George C. Marshall, and thousands of others who have defended our nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Institute contributes to society not only through military service but by producing disciplined leaders in business, engineering, law, and public service who uphold the highest standards of civic duty.

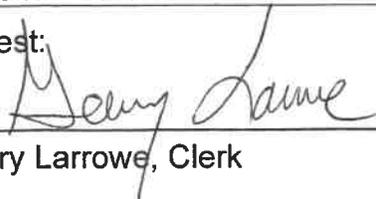
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Botetourt Board of Supervisors, formally express our steadfast support for the Virginia Military Institute and its mission to produce educated, honorable, and self-reliant leaders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge legislative and executive branches of our state government and the community to recognize and preserve the unique value of VMI's traditions and its continued role in shaping the moral fabric of our society.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County, Virginia at its regular meeting held on Feb. 24, 2026.

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Donald "Mac" Scothorn, Chair	✓			
Brandon Nicely, Vice Chair	✓			
Tim Snyder	✓			
Linda Rottman	✓			
Walter Michael	✓			

Attest:



Gary Larrowe, Clerk

