



## **Resolution Expressing Appreciation of Jim Ukrop for Advancing RVA757 Connects and the I-64 Innovation Corridor**

WHEREAS, Mr. James “Jim” E. Ukrop is a distinguished alumnus of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop, along with his brother, Bobby, grew the family business guided by their high standard for superior customer service, a passion for wholesome foods, integrity, and commitment to making a difference in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop was founder, CEO and Chairman of First Market Bank which is now Atlantic Union Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop, as a co-founder of NRV, shares his creative, out-of-the-box energy with the Richmond region’s entrepreneurial up-and-coming leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop is a role model for inspired community service, leading by example with his extensive dedicated board and volunteer activities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop inspires and mentors young professionals, seasoned business executives, as well as those in elected positions in local and regional governments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop is the visionary who, with Tom Frantz, first conceived the idea of a Richmond-Hampton Roads megaregion, sketching out the concept on a yellow-lined sheet from a legal pad during a meeting of the William & Mary Business School Foundation Board. The short, but prophetic note said: “shouldn’t we be one megaregion?”

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop went on to inspire collaboration between Richmond and Hampton Roads regional leaders that led to the creation of RVA757 Connects and the I-64 Innovation Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop has been a steadfast and generous donor to RVA757 Connects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop, continues to serve on RVA-757 Connects’ Board of Trustees, advancing the mission of RVA757 Connects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ukrop continues to set the gold standard for servant leadership in driving the success of RVA757 Connects and the I-64 Innovation Corridor: now, therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees expresses its deep appreciation for Mr. Ukrop's remarkable service and exceptional leadership to RVA757 Connects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in recognition of Mr. Ukrop's passionate support for the thousands of businesses, organizations, and three million people who make up the I-64 Innovation Corridor community, this statement of appreciation be inscribed and conveyed to Mr. Ukrop, and a copy be included in the official minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees and Megaregion Institutional Council.

June 28, 2022

Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Co-Chairman  
Thomas R. Frantz, Co-Chairman  
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