

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL MEALS AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17739 MAIN STREET, SUITE 200, ON MARCH 18, 2025: ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MAYOR WOOD, AND SECONDED BY CHAIR PRO TEM MILES, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Caetrina A. Peterson,	Yes
Shaun R. Peet,	Yes
Brian K. Fields,	Yes
Russell A. Young,	Yes
Selonia B. Miles,	Yes
Monae S. Nickerson,	Yes
Derrick R. Wood,	Yes

WHEREAS, the House Ways and Means Committee has proposed a \$12 billion reduction in school meal funding over the next decade, which would impact access to free and reduced-price meals for millions of children; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would increase documentation requirements, making it more difficult for low-income families to qualify for school meal programs, leading to an increase in child food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would tighten eligibility criteria for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), reducing the number of schools that can offer universal free meals and jeopardizing nutrition access for students in need; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 1464 would modernize WIC certification through virtual access, which is beneficial, but this effort should be expanded to include other child nutrition programs rather than implementing restrictive barriers to eligibility; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2567 – The School Meals Expansion Act seeks to increase school meal eligibility and boost reimbursement rates, which is critical to sustaining school meal programs and ensuring that every child has access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 20% cut to SNAP benefits would have devastating consequences for families across the country, disproportionately affecting school-aged children, leading to higher levels of hunger, reduced academic performance, and long-term health consequences; and