



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Office of the Governor

Travis A. Voyles  
Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Director Wells,

By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chief Resilience Officer appointed by the Governor, and subject always to my continuing ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters and to reserve to myself any and all such powers and duties, I hereby delegate to you the powers and duties enumerated in the Code of Virginia.

These powers and duties include but are not limited to serving as a primary point of contact on all issues relating to pre-disaster hazard mitigation; coordinating the planning of resilience initiatives across state government; creating and overseeing the development, updates, and implementation of a Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan and a Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan; initiating and assisting with the pursuit and coordination of funding opportunities for resilience initiatives at both the state and local levels; and establishing and carrying out all duties necessary for the management and conduct of a Virginia Coastal Resilience Technical Advisory Committee.

This delegation of authority remains in force, subject to alteration at my discretion, until its revocation, and should be exercised in consultation with me at all times.

Further, I hereby direct you to establish a Working Group on Resilience Coordination. The goals, membership, and work product of the Group should be generally guided by the text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute to House Bill 847 proposed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources on March 1, 2022. I also request you work with the relevant Cabinet Secretaries to direct their respective agencies to participate in, and support the efforts of, this Working Group as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis A. Voyles".

Travis A. Voyles  
Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources