

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Agenda Item**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	August 18, 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Recognize Woody Van Valkenburgh on the Occasion of His Retirement After 35 Years of Service to Rappahannock Goodwill Industries
<b>Department:</b>	Public Information
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	Cathy Vollbrecht, Communications Director
<b>Board Committee/ Other BACC:</b>	N/A
<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	N/A
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b>	N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1.	Background Report	2.	Proposed Proclamation P15-17
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other Business</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Unfinished Business</b>
	<b>Discussion</b>		<b>Presentation</b>		<b>Work Session</b>
	<b>New Business</b>		<b>Public Hearing</b>		<b>Add-On</b>

**REVIEW:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Administrator	
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<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>	Gary Snellings
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## **BACKGROUND REPORT**

Woody Van Valkenburgh is retiring after 35 years as President and CEO of Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc. Mr. Van Valkenburgh came to Fredericksburg in 1980 to work as Executive Director of the Rappahannock Rehabilitation Facility, the predecessor to Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc.

During his tenure, Mr. Van Valkenburgh received many awards including the 2011 Joseph L. Argenzio Award from the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) for outstanding volunteer service to the Chamber, and the 2015 Matthews Entrepreneurial Award from Goodwill Industries International. In 2015, the Chamber also named Mr. Van Valkenburgh a 2015 "Local Legend." Rappahannock Goodwill Industries won the Chamber's 2015 Green Frontier Award for Goodwill's devotion to recycling and salvaging items to sell at its stores, and helping to provide vocational and educational services to people with disabilities. It is estimated that Rappahannock Goodwill Industries recycling efforts kept 2,978 tons of waste out of local landfills.

Under Mr. Van Valkenburgh's leadership, Rappahannock Goodwill Industries added stores, acted as one of the region's top employers, employing more than 500 employees in the Fredericksburg region alone, and moved its headquarters to the 80,000 square-foot site of the former Gallahan's furniture store.

In 1996, a Stafford County group, the Junior Women's Club of Stafford, founded "Opportunities Unlimited" to study the feasibility of a workshop serving handicapped persons in the city and surrounding counties. This is the group from which Rappahannock Goodwill Industries evolved.

The actions of Mr. Van Valkenburgh and Rappahannock Goodwill Industries have allowed scores of residents in Stafford County and surrounding localities to live more independent lives through employment, and through training to help them reach their full potential.

The Board recognizes and honors Mr. Woody Van Valkenburgh on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years from Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF STAFFORD  
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015:

MEMBERS:

Gary F. Snellings, Chairman  
Laura A. Sellers, Vice Chairman  
Meg Bohmke  
Jack R. Cavalier  
Paul V. Milde III  
Cord A. Sterling  
Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr.

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WOODY VAN VALKENBURGH  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 35 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO RAPPAHANNOCK GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, INC.

WHEREAS, Woody Van Valkenburgh came to Fredericksburg in 1980 to work as Executive Director as the Rappahannock Rehabilitation Facility, the predecessor to Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc., and is retiring after 35 years of service as President and CEO of Goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Valkenburgh’s accomplishments include the 2011 Joseph L. Argenzio Award, from the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) for outstanding volunteer service; the 2015 Matthews Entrepreneurial Award from Goodwill Industries International; and being named by the Chamber as a 2015 “Local Legend”; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Van Valkenburgh’s leadership, Rappahannock Goodwill Industries added stores, is one of the area’s top employers of those with disabilities, employing more than 500 employees in the Fredericksburg region alone; and moved its headquarters to the 80,000 square-foot site of the former Gallahan’s furniture store; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Van Valkenburgh's leadership, Rappahannock Goodwill Industries won the Chamber's 2015 Green Frontier Award for Goodwill's devotion to recycling and salvaging items to sell at its stores, and helping to provide vocational and educational services to people with disabilities. It is estimated that through its recycling efforts, 2,978 tons of waste was kept out of local landfills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this 18th day of August, 2015, that it be and hereby does commend Mr. Woody Van Valkenburgh on the occasion of his retirement from Rappahannock Goodwill Industries, Inc., and for his tremendous and lasting impact on the lives of those in Stafford County and the region.

AJR:seh