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1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY
2 MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY
4 MANAGER'S SPECIAL TASK FORCE

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6 WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the public's trust
7 and confidence in the City's employees is of paramount importance;

8 WHEREAS, the City Manager appointed a Special Task Force
9 to review the handling of citizens' complaints and other reports
10 of abuse of authority by City employees;

11 WHEREAS, the Special Task Force has recommended certain
12 policy and procedural changes and has specifically recommended the
13 creation of an Investigation Review Panel to review Police
14 Department Internal Affairs investigation reports;

15 WHEREAS, the Special Task Force has further recommended
16 that, in cases involving abuse of authority or other serious
17 misconduct, the identity of the City employee involved and the
18 nature of the discipline imposed should be made a matter of public
19 record; and

20 WHEREAS, the adoption and implementation of such
21 recommendations, including the creation and operation of an
22 Investigation Review Panel, would enhance and maintain the
23 public's trust and confidence in all City employees and would
24 assure the citizens that complaints against police officers will
25 be fairly and impartially investigated and evaluated.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
27 CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

28 That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish
29 an Investigation Review Panel consistent with the policy and
30 procedure guidelines recommended by the Special Task Force and is
31 further authorized to implement such other policy and procedural
32 changes as are set forth in the report of the Special Task Force.

33 Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach,
34 Virginia, on this 27th day of August, 1991.