

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Robert B. "Bob" Weir moved to the Town of Haymarket with his family in July 2000; and

WHEREAS, Bob and his beloved wife Diane raised three accomplished children – Sam, Michael, and Megan, all having attended Prince William County public schools informing Bob's support of a strong public school system, teacher appreciation, and the value of education in general as befits a graduate of the University of Virginia and proud member of the "Hoo Crew;" and

WHEREAS, Bob embraced the call to duty and action in service to the community he called home and loved; and

WHEREAS, Bob, in furtherance of his passion to serve his community and his unshakeable belief in open and transparent government, ran for office to make a difference and was elected to the Haymarket Town Council for his first term in 2004, was appointed to the Haymarket Planning Commission and served as Chairman until 2018, and again was elected to council in 2020, serving with distinction until 2023 when he was elected the Gainesville District Supervisor to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Bob dedicated his life to public service by regularly attending Town Council and Board of County Supervisor meetings as a citizen, as well as in his capacity as an appointed and elected official, speaking on behalf of his fellow citizens on issues of importance, such as land use development and fiscal sustainability and policy; and

WHEREAS, Bob was well known and identified himself affectionately as the town curmudgeon; and

WHEREAS, Bob was well respected for his leadership, integrity, and honesty, and was always available and ready to help a neighbor in need, with his expertise in many areas of local and state government. Bob is described by others as follows...

"His passion lies with encouraging and empowering the residents of Prince William County to always demand from their elected officials: fiscal responsibility and transparency; strict adherence to adopted policies and state mandated procedures; awareness that we must never stop improving the quality of public education; and always make public safety a top priority."

"A vocal critic of the data center industry, Weir was involved in public service for more than two decades, serving multiple terms on both the Haymarket Town Council and the Haymarket Planning Commission, advisory boards and community organizations."

"Bob was certainly a character - underneath his tough façade was a heart of pure gold who cared deeply about our community. He was not only a respected leader but also a neighbor, a mentor, and a friend to many. Bob served with humility and purpose, always guided by his belief in good governance and civic responsibility. His contributions to our county reflect a vision rooted in preserving the character of our neighborhoods while preparing for the future," and

WHEREAS, Bob helped craft multiple pieces of state and local legislation, many which became law in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bob's ubiquitous presence and drive had an indelible and profound impact on the Town of Haymarket, especially affecting the council, staff, constituents, and friends. Those working closely with or knowing Bob will always remember his classic one-liners at the podium during Citizen's Time, in a gruff tone opening with, "Bob Weir, 6853 St Paul Drive, but not for long!" or during budget season sharing his thoughts on where he thought the budget was, "this is not ready for Prime Time" or while speaking from the dais "I am not going to die on this hill" or "I'm a hard no;" and

WHEREAS, The Town of Haymarket will always remember Bob's contributions to the betterment of town. His legacy of a fair and open government for all serves as a reminder of Bob's strong leadership,

dedication to those he served and a sense of purpose in improving our quality of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haymarket Town Council calls upon all citizens of the town, district and county to recognize the extraordinary life and legacy of Robert B. "Bob" Weir and does now proclaim April 13, 2026, and each successive year thereafter, "Bob Weir Government Open House Day" to encourage transparency and communication between citizens and their local elected officials.

In Witness Whereof this 2nd day of September 2025

Tracylynn Pater, Mayor

Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Matt Gallagher

Councilmember Justin Baker

Councilmember Alexander Beyene

Councilmember Ken Luersen

Councilmember Joe Pasanello

Councilmember Mary Ramirez