



**Richard Bland College**  
*of WILLIAM & MARY*

**CONGRATULATING RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, Richard Bland College has been governed by the William & Mary Board of Visitors since its founding by the Virginia General Assembly in 1960;

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2025, the Virginia General Assembly accepted Governor Glenn Youngkin's amendments to Senate Bill 742, unanimously approved by the House of Delegates and State Senate during the 2025 Session, to create a nine-member Richard Bland College Board of Visitors effective July 1, 2025, to govern the affairs of the College;

WHEREAS, Independent governance marks a significant milestone for Richard Bland College, President Debbie Sydow, former presidents, former members of the Board of Visitors, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the William & Mary Board of Visitors hereby congratulates Richard Bland College and its stakeholders on this momentous occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the William & Mary Board of Visitors extends its best wishes to Richard Bland College as it embarks on this new chapter, confident in its continued contributions to higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.