

**ACTION ITEM  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE** August 19, 2008

**TO** Board of Supervisors

**FROM** Cathy Riddle *CR*  
Public Information Manager

**ISSUE** A Proclamation to Recognize and Commend Elnora A Pondexter for Her Service to the Citizens of Stafford

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION** Approval

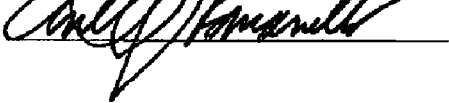
**BUDGET IMPACT** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS** (2)

[1] Background Report [2] Reso/Ord/Proc # P08-11

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**REVIEW** [X] County Administrator's Office   
[ ] Legal \_\_\_\_\_  
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[X] Consent Agenda [ ] Other Business [ ] Public Hearing  
[ ] Discussion Item [ ] Presentation [ ] Unfinished Business  
[ ] New Business

**PRESENTATION BY** N/A

**ELECTION DISTRICT** N/A

**REQUESTED BY** Mr Woodson

**BACKGROUND REPORT**

Elnora Pondexter, a lifelong resident of Stafford, has served on the County's Social Services Board since April 1993. She is an active member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church where she serves as chaplain of the Deaconess Ministry, president of the Ushers Ministry, and advisor for the Missionary Ministry. She holds a lifetime membership in the Stafford Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mrs. Pondexter has dedicated her life to helping those in need, and her common sense perspective has proved invaluable to organizations that provide aid to this populace. Proposed Proclamation P08-11 recognizes and commends her for her many years of service to the citizens of Stafford.

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, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 19th day of August 2008

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MEMBERS

VOTE

George H Schwartz, Chairman  
M S "Joe" Brito, Vice Chairman  
Harry E Crisp II  
Mark Dudenhefer  
Paul V Milde III  
Cord A Sterling  
Robert "Bob" Woodson

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

**A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ELNORA A  
PONDEXTER FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF STAFFORD**

WHEREAS, Elnora A Pondexter has devoted her life to serving residents of the Widewater community in which she lives, as well as citizens throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, Elnora Pondexter was appointed to serve on the Stafford County Social Services Board in April 1993, and

WHEREAS, Elnora Pondexter is recognized by staff as a compassionate individual who is a tireless advocate for individuals and families, demonstrating the belief that it is the government's responsibility, within reason, to offer aid to anyone in need, and

WHEREAS, Elnora Pondexter is an exceptionally devoted congregant of the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Widewater, serving as Chaplain for the Deaconess Ministry, President of the Ushers Ministry and Advisor for the Missionary Ministry, and

WHEREAS, at the state level, Elnora Pondexter has served as President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Ushers Department, President of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia Division of Women, Area L, District 1, for six years, and Vice President At Large of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia Women and Health Ministry, Area J, for two years, and

WHEREAS, Elnora Pondexter has sponsored community service fairs at her church to provide information about local and regional social services programs, and she and her husband, Percy, transport people to the appropriate agencies to sign up for benefits and access services, and

WHEREAS, Elnora Pondexter is a life member of the Stafford Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and was elected as the group's president for 16 years, and

WHEREAS, Elnora Pondexter holds a lifetime membership in the Widewater Volunteer Fire Department where she served in the Women's Division and worked as an emergency medical technician for ten years, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to bring to the attention of citizens everywhere the compassion and joy with which Elnora Pondexter has spent her life in service to the citizens of Stafford,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 19th day of August, 2008, that Elnora A Pondexter be and she hereby is recognized and commended for her dedication to men, women and children who need a helping hand

AJR/CLR/mfl