

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Smithsonian Institution has wisely assigned a salvage archeologist to search for historic artifacts in the Gadsby Urban Renewal area of the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the findings resulting from this search have produced both valuable historical information about the Colonial and post-Colonial periods of American history and a collection of artifacts from those periods unrivalled in any American city; and

WHEREAS, development is about to begin on Phase II of the Gadsby Urban Renewal Project, which involves by far the richest vein of archeological artifacts within the area; and

WHEREAS, the Smithsonian Institution plans to eliminate its only position of salvage archeologist, effective January 22, 1971; and

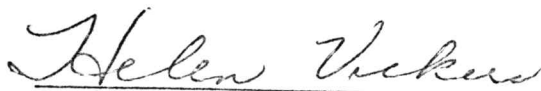
WHEREAS, discontinuance of the salvage archeology effort in Alexandria would cause an incomparable and irreversible loss to the people of the United States of America; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is hereby respectfully requested to reinstate the position of salvage archeologist in the public interest; and
2. That copies of this resolution be forwarded immediately to Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Senator William B. Spong, Jr., Representative Joel T. Broyhill, and other concerned public officials.

Adopted January 12, 1971



Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council