## WILLIAM & MARY
## CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DATA SCIENCE

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting on November 17, 2023, the William & Mary Board of Visitors passed a resolution approving the establishment of a New School to include initially the departments of applied science, computer science, and physics and the data science program;

**WHEREAS,** on April 26, 2024, the William & Mary Board of Visitors passed a resolution to name the School as the School of Computing, Data Sciences, and Physics;

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2024, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) approved the establishment of the School of Computing, Data Sciences, and Physics;

**WHEREAS,** the Data Science program, which is currently housed within the Department of Computer Science, offers one of the most popular undergraduate majors on campus, as well as the most popular minor;

**WHEREAS,** Data Science is already the academic home of 13 faculty members expressly hired to support this program;

**WHEREAS,** the Data Science program is in the process of developing graduate programs in data science to address workforce needs and student demand;

**WHEREAS**, the Data Science program continues to grow its externally-funded research portfolio, exceeding $3M over the past three years; and

**WHEREAS,** the establishment of a separate department to house the Data Science faculty, students, and academic programs would facilitate decision-making and promote visibility for data science within the School of Computing, Data Sciences, and Physics;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the William & Mary Board of Visitors approves the creation of the Department of Data Science to operate as an organizational unit within the School of Computing, Data Sciences, and Physics as of July 1, 2025, upon approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.