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**For Immediate Release:**

**Gloucester Unemployment Rates Continue to Improve Post COVID**

Gloucester County, Virginia – June 10, 2021 - The Gloucester County Economic Development Authority (EDA) is pleased to announce that the local unemployment rates continue to show positive improvement. “This is good news for our residents and our overall economy” said Sherry Spring, Director of Economic Development.

In April, the Virginia Employment Commission reported Gloucester’s unemployment rate at 3.3% with 619 residents unemployed. This was down from a high of 10.4% reported in April 2020 with 2,002 residents unemployed.

During the past year, Gloucester’s unemployment rates were consistently lower than figures reported for Virginia and Hampton Roads according to the Virginia Employment Commission. “This illustrates the strength of our local businesses and their perseverance during this unpresented time” said Dr. Orth, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

“We are proud of our local businesses and greatly appreciate the overwhelming support they received from our residents over the past 12-months. Gloucester’s economy is doing well while attracting new businesses to provide residents with a variety of employment opportunities” said Sherry Spring.