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Local Adults Receive Online High School Diplomas

(**Fredericksburg, VA**) – Employment Resources Incorporated (ERI), a 20-year old not-for-profit educational and employment training organization located in Fredericksburg will be conducting their 2nd online High School Diploma Program Graduation on Thursday, June 17, 2010. ERI's first graduation for the new online program was held in December 2009.

The High School Diploma Program is an online course for adults 18 years of age and older who have dropped out of school and want to get their high school diploma instead of their GED. "The GED program is a good program but it is not designed for everyone," said Mike West, senior vice president for ERI. "Our course is a blended program that provides online work along with a classroom teacher and is perfect for people who need some one-on-one assistance and tutoring," West added.

The June 17th graduation will be held at 12:30pm at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church on 308 Hanover Street. Sixteen graduates ranging in age from teens to 60's will receive their diplomas. A reception in their honor will follow for family, friends and

community partners. Mr. Michael Fidgeon, President of Providence Service Corporation's Eastern Division will be the graduation's Keynote Speaker.

"We are so excited to be partnering with local agencies like Department of Social Services, Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region and companies like Union First Market Bank all of which have provided funding to help our low income clients pay for the course," West said.

Employment Resources Incorporated (ERI) operates throughout the George Washington District and provides employment training and educational programs and services in the City of Fredericksburg, Stafford County, Caroline County, Spotsylvania and King George Counties as well as multiple cities and counties in the Northern Neck and Rappahannock region. Its' mission is to provide youth and adults with the education and skills they need to become successfully employed, self-sufficient and contributing members of their community. ERI also provides a variety of employment training programs and services to youth and the adult workforce and employers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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