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## **Grey House Publishing Announces the Sixth Edition of *Profiles of Virginia***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the sixth edition of *Profiles of Virginia*. This edition includes all the valuable, in-depth and up-to-date information that these works are known for, but now, this rich content has been reorganized and rearranged, and is fully illustrated with images to support the text and statistics. It is easier to use and more accessible for a variety of users—from high school students to relocation professionals.

All the state profiles include more data, more photos, and a thoughtful arrangement that makes the content more accessible and easy-to-use. Helpful features include thumb tabs to help keep you oriented in each of the 10 chapters, chapter leader pages that include a specific Introduction, Table of Contents and, in many cases, a unique User Guide, paving the way for the researcher to take full advantage of every last piece of data presented. *Profiles of Virginia* includes hundreds of statistical data points, tables and charts that provide solid, fact-based research, and dozens of maps and photos.

Here is an overview of the chapter arrangement:

**About Virginia: Facts & Photos:** This 4-color chapter provides a real sense of the state from a variety of historical and physical vantage points. It includes Virginia history and geography, plus a photo gallery that includes not only sights unique to the state, but also its state flag, seal, motto, bird, flower, and more. This chapter also includes a timeline of political and newsworthy events from Virginia's founding to the present day.

**Profiles:** This chapter is arranged alphabetically by county, then by place—for a total of 951 places and 95 counties. These detailed place profiles compile dozens of data points based on the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey and other current government sources such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These unique place profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in Virginia plus 285 unincorporated communities.

**Government: A State Guide:** This is an important and detailed look at the history and structure of Virginia’s government, including discussion of the state’s legislative, judicial and executive branches and various types of local government. The chapter ends with a map of Virginia’s 11 US Congressional Districts.

**Demographic Maps:** These 11 colorful, full-page maps help to anchor the researcher to the state’s diverse population, illustrating population, race and ethnic makeup (white, black, Asian, Hispanic), age, home values, household income, high school graduates, college graduates, and presidential election results.

**Geography:** This chapter explores Virginia’s physical features, natural resources, federal land, and Indian reservations, including a satellite view of the state. In addition to providing a visual sense of the state, this data contributes to a better understanding of settlement patterns, economic development, and state resources that are vital for the state’s continued growth.

**Energy:** This is a detailed look at Virginia’s energy needs, uses and available resources—including petroleum, natural gas, coal, electricity and renewable energy. The energy sector is a significant economic driver for the state, and plays a big part in the overall lifestyle of its residents.

**Climate,** this section includes a state summary, three colorful maps and profiles of both National and Cooperative Weather Stations. In addition, there are Weather Station Rankings with hundreds of interesting details, such as Burkes Garden reporting the lowest annual extreme minimum temperatures (-26° F).

**Comparative Statistics:** This chapter makes it easy to compare statistics for Virginia’s 100 largest communities by dozens of data points, including density of people per square mile, land area, population size, ethnic percentages, household size, education level and much more. This is a treasure trove of data for grant writers, government researchers and demographers. The chapter **Top/Bottom Rankings** includes rankings for dozens of categories, for both the top 150 and bottom 150 communities with population over 2,500.

**Education,** this section begins with an **Educational State Profile**, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following these statistics are statewide assessment results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and from Virginia’s accountability system.

### **THREE YEARS OF FREE ONLINE ACCESS**

Purchasers of the new sixth edition of *Profiles of Virginia* get three years of free online access to all the comparative ranking statistics in *Profiles of Virginia* in easy-to-use sortable ranking tables.

*Profiles of Virginia* goes beyond Census statistics, beyond metro area coverage, beyond the 100 best places to live. Drawn from official census information, other government statistics and original research, you will have at your fingertips data that’s available nowhere else in one single source.

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