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Clint Eastwood Film Shoots in Virginia
Leonardo DiCaprio Stars as J. Edgar Hoover

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell today announced that the towns of Warrenton and The Plains in Fauquier County, Great Falls in Fairfax County and the cities of Alexandria and Arlington were recently used in a major feature film with the working title of *J. Edgar*. The film examines the life and legacy of F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover and is directed by Clint Eastwood - who was last in Virginia shooting a scene for his film *Flags of Our Fathers* at the Iwo Jima Memorial. *J. Edgar* is being produced for Warner Bros. Pictures by Imagine Entertainment and Malpasco Productions.

Speaking about the film, Governor McDonnell commented, “Clint Eastwood is an American legend and we are thrilled he chose Virginia for his film about the first Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Virginia is an excellent location for film production with its rich history and natural beauty, and we are working diligently to bring more film production like this to the Commonwealth.”

J. Edgar stars Leonardo DiCaprio as J. Edgar Hoover, the controversial head of the F.B.I. who was named its first Director in 1935 and who continued to lead the organization until his death in 1972. Also starring are Dame Judi Dench as Hoover’s mother, Naomi Watts as his longtime personal secretary, Ken Howard as the U.S. Attorney General, Josh Lucas as aviator Charles Lindbergh, and Armie Hammer as the Assistant Director of the F.B.I.

The many films, documentaries, commercials and multi-media productions filmed in Virginia contribute to the Commonwealth’s economy. The direct and indirect impact of Virginia’s motion picture and video production industry in 2009 was \$346 million, representing 2,701 jobs for the state.

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