



RESOLUTION

Madison County Shenandoah National Park Entrance

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development is the regional economic development organization for eight counties and the City of Charlottesville in Central Virginia;

AND WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development endeavors to support the region's economic development initiatives;

AND WHEREAS, Madison County's Comprehensive Plan includes an initiative to establish an entrance into Shenandoah National Park;

AND WHEREAS, Madison County contributes one of the largest land areas of any Virginia county to the Park, with over 33,000 acres (more than 50 square miles), and is the only such Virginia county without an entrance into the Park;

AND WHEREAS, This entrance will provide significant economic, historic and educational value to Madison County, the Central Virginia Region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development Board of Directors, by the adoption of this resolution, requests that the National Park Service and the managers and stakeholders of Shenandoah National Park begin immediate action to re-establish entrance to the Park via route 649 the Quaker Run and Rapidan Road near Criglersville.

On motion of Frank Bossio, **seconded by** Julie Summs, and with the affirmative vote of the full Board, the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development Board of Directors hereby concurs in said Resolution.

Signed this 22nd day of February, 2013

Ron Cottrell, Chair, Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development

