

# RESOLUTION

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

**AND WHEREAS,** Almost 84 years ago, President Herbert Hoover made a promise to Madison County that in consideration of the sacrifice of labor, money, hospitality, and the surrendering of private property, Madison County would have an entrance to the Park;

**AND WHEREAS,** That promise until now has not been honored;

**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,** The road that the county helped improve in 1929 is still used and maintained and only a locked gate established by the Park Service near Hoover Camp blocks access to Big Meadows from Criglersville;

**AND WHEREAS,** This entrance represents a historical and important connection to Shenandoah National Park, and tells of the many lessons learned and the sacrifices made in its creation;

**AND WHEREAS,** This entrance will provide significant economic, historic and educational value to the Town of Madison, The County of Madison, The Commonwealth of Virginia, all citizens of the United States, and to the National Park Service and Shenandoah National Park in particular;

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Town of Madison , 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 NANCY KNIGHTING, seconded by CHARLES CARTER, and with the affirmative vote of the entire Town Council for the Town of Madison, Virginia, hereby concurs in said Resolution and further directs that said Resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Town Council and that a copy be sent to all interested parties and stakeholders.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2013

*Willie Lamar*

Willie Lamar: Mayor, Town of Madison

*Nancy Knighting*

Nancy Knighting: Vice Mayor Town of Madison

*Alma Lu Ayers*

Alma Lu Ayers: Councilwoman, Town of Madison

*Lawrence Beasley*

Lawrence Beasley: Councilman, Town of Madison

*Charles A. Carter*

Charles Carter: Councilman, Town of Madison

Attested to by

*Barbara Roach*

Barbara Roach, Town Clerk & Zoning Administrator, Town of Madison

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