



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS OPEN SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

***WHEREAS** the shutdown of the U.S. Government has forced the shutdown of all national park facilities including Shenandoah National Park effective 12:00 am October 1, 2013; and*

***WHEREAS** the month of October is the peak tourist season for Shenandoah National Park with visitors coming to view the fall foliage with approximately 25% of its annual traffic visiting the park during this month; and*

***WHEREAS** the continued shutdown of Shenandoah National Park will have a detrimental financial impact on the localities that surround the park including Albemarle County, Augusta County, Greene County, Madison County, Page County, Rappahannock County, Rockingham County and Warren County; and*

***WHEREAS** many local businesses in Madison County and surrounding communities depend on the annual traffic to Shenandoah National Park; to enhance the livelihood of their communities;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Madison County Board of Supervisors is deeply concerned about the impact of this closing on the local economy of Madison County, and the enhancement of the livelihood of all surrounding localities affected by the recent action.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Madison County respectfully request that it's congressional delegation including the Honorable Senators Mark Warner and Timothy Kaine and Representative Robert Hurt work together to reopen the U.S. park facilities including Shenandoah National Park as soon as possible before the entire 2013 season is lost.*

Adopted this 9 day of October, 2013, on motion of Supervisor Lackey, seconded by Supervisor Weakley.



J. Dave Allen, Chairman
Madison County Board of Supervisors



Ernest C. Hoch, County Administrator
Madison County, Virginia