

# Declaration of Support

**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 Madison County, 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 DECLARED**, that the Madison County Constitutional Officers, by the adoption of this declaration support Resolution # 2013-1 of the Madison County Board of Supervisors 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.



Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2013

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Gale Harris, Commissioner of Revenue

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Stephanie Murray, Treasurer

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Attested to by

*Ernest C. Hoch*

Ernest C. Hoch, Madison County Administrator

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