

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA,
TO RESCIND IT'S SUPPORT FOR THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS Harrisonburg City Council adopted on October 9, 2012 a resolution that “the Harrisonburg City Council calls upon the United States Trade Representative to make strong intellectual property protections a top priority in negotiating the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and supports a 12-year term for regulatory data protection of biologics to ensure that biopharmaceutical companies will continue to invest in research and development.”; and

WHEREAS the Resolution was connected to the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade and investors' rights agreement; and

WHEREAS the TPP agreement was not available to be reviewed by the public until 2016, and thus Harrisonburg City Council had no knowledge of the details of the TPP; and

WHEREAS the TPP places local policy-making bodies under the review of international tribunals, thus threatening the rights of this City Council, rights which it has the highest duty to protect;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Harrisonburg City Council rescinds its support from the previously adopted Resolution;

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Harrisonburg City Council urges our Congressional Representative Bob Goodlatte, US Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, US Congress as a whole, and the President of the United States, Barack Obama, to oppose the TPP.

Approved: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK PRO TEMPORE