



# City Of Harrisonburg

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## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 24, 2016 AS THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 1916, T.N. Haas, Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, certified the Incorporation document to create the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce “the Chamber”; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 1916, three Harrisonburg residents, F.L. Sublett, and Isaac Ney, traveled to Richmond to present the necessary paperwork and charter fee to the Virginia Department of the State Corporation Commission which officially created the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce with four officers and five directors; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 1935, the name was changed to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1938, the objectives for the Chamber stood for “Cooperative Community Action, Effort and Progress”; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber was instrumental in creating the City/County Community Fund, Inc., which is now known as the United Way and the Community Leadership Program, which is now known as the Leadership Harrisonburg-Rockingham; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, the Chamber moved its headquarters to Country Club Road and is one of the largest business associations on the I-81 corridor in the Shenandoah Valley, with approximately 900 members, a 29 member Board of Directors and a professional staff; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber is a not-for-profit community organization that connects area businesses into a power network and has been an influence on public policy since 1917 on behalf of the business community and helping the Harrisonburg-Rockingham area become a thriving and dynamic marketplace of opportunities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the city of Harrisonburg and City Council formally acknowledge and celebrate the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce on their 100-year anniversary and thank them for the leadership, advocacy, networking, and promotion that they offer to help businesses succeed and grow.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher B. Jones, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica S. Kann, City Clerk