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RESOLUTION **Commending the** **Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission** **On Its 50th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly created the Metropolitan Areas Study Commission (the Hahn Commission), which found that a holistic approach to solving local and regional problems needed to be taken, and recommended a new concept, the creation of Planning District Commissions (PDCs); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Area Development Act, passed in 1968, created the PDC framework “to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing, on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance;” and

WHEREAS, following passage of this Act, the State undertook an aggressive effort to establish PDC boundaries, and by 1969, the final district boundaries were announced; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1969, the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) was established and includes the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, the cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Waynesboro, and 11 incorporated towns; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the CSPDC is celebrating 50 years of promoting and supporting regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC serves to foster intergovernmental cooperation by bringing together elected and appointed officials and citizens to discuss common needs and develop solutions to regional issues; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the CSPDC has conducted studies and identified solutions in the areas of transportation, economic development, infrastructure, housing, the environment, disaster education and mitigation, and community development, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC also implements services and provides technical assistance to its member local governments; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC often serves as a liaison between local and state governments, partnering with the State to carry out state initiatives at the local and regional level; and

WHEREAS, most recently, the CSPDC has been instrumental in bringing in over \$66 million in new investments to the region. For every dollar the CSPDC receives in local dues, it has leveraged \$36 in average in state and federal funds; and

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WHEREAS, the CSPDC is committed to promoting opportunities for regional collaboration and expanding the types of services they provide to their member governments; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC takes great pride in their history and accomplishments, while recognizing the importance of looking ahead to the challenges of the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Harrisonburg hereby commends the CSPDC on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary and expresses its appreciation for the vital support provided by the CSPDC to each of its member jurisdictions and the region.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2019.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

Attest: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk