

**A Resolution of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce  
In Support of the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail from the towns of Broadway to Front Royal**

- WHEREAS The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce represents hundreds of businesses, non-profit agencies and local governments in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County; and
- WHEREAS an organization known as the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail Exploratory Partnership, whose membership includes representation of each locality through which the trail would pass, has been formed to explore trail feasibility; and
- WHEREAS The proposed location presents an opportunity to create a world-class trail providing bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian access to extraordinary landscape views and several important Civil War battlefields; and
- WHEREAS such a trail would catalyze tourism-related economic growth, not only within the participating localities, but surrounding communities as well; and
- WHEREAS the aforementioned trail would offer the option of safe alternative transportation within and between the communities to a broad segment of the local population, for commuting to work and school, thereby improving the quality of life; and
- WHEREAS the Virginia General Assembly directed the state Department of Conservation and Recreation to study trail feasibility and deliver a report no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Board of Directors of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce will advocate for the creation of the trail and to work with various coalitions to achieve this goal while seeking the support of regional, state and federal agencies .

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Dr. Melissa Lubin, Chair  
Board of Directors



Christopher Quinn, President



Quinton Callahan, Chair  
Community Relations Committee