

## CITY COUNCIL OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA



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**RESOLUTION** (R19-)

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**COMMENDING THE  
CENTRAL SHENANDOAH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
ON ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> 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

**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 Waynesboro hereby commends the CSPDC on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the City Council of Waynesboro expresses its appreciation for the vital support provided by the CSPDC to each of its member jurisdictions and the region.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor,  
Waynesboro City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk,  
Waynesboro City Council

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