

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 8871

DATE 4-11-19

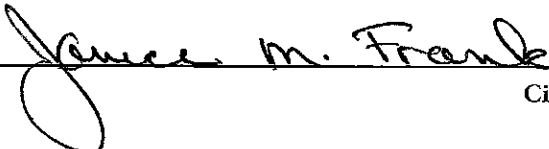
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Resolution Honoring Williamsport's Heart and Soul

WHEREAS Williamsport Heart & Soul volunteers have been working as an ongoing collaborative partnership between the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council (a partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities), the Orton Family Foundation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and The City of Williamsport since January 2016; and

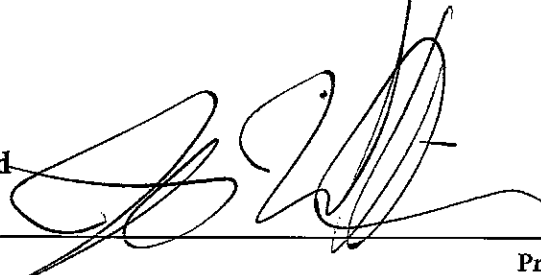
WHEREAS Williamsport's Heart & Soul community engagement efforts included but was not limited to, the following activities and objectives:

- Public outreach surveys to collect data about what people want to see change and what people value most about living in Williamsport
- In-depth story gathering and story sharing that brought residents together to discover what really matters most when choosing to call Williamsport home
- A "Summit-up" event for citizen volunteers to sort through data and draft Heart and Soul statements honoring what citizens value most
- Round table discussions to discuss how our values have changed over time and explore what we need to do to strengthen and uphold them for future generations
- Deeper discussions of key issues affecting Williamsport's future at a series of Focus Group discussions hosted around the City
- Community celebration – "From the Heart of Williamsport" movie events
- Williamsport Wednesday Community Conversations to identify ideas for action that bring citizens together to work on improving our City
- 'Sunday Fun-day' Ideas to Action Summit where residents helped to decide which project ideas should be initiated in 2019
- A public process of identifying and prioritizing galvanizing actions that represent the core community values



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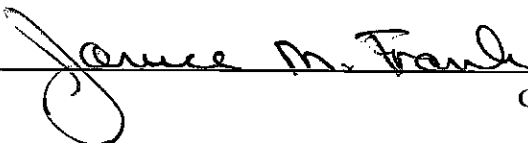
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WHEREAS, Williamsport residents input helped in the creation of the Heart of Williamsport Action Plan document which reflects the values and ideas gathered through this process;

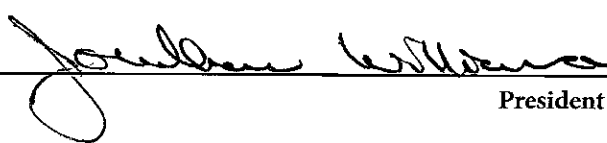
WHEREAS, Williamsport City Council adopted Williamsport residents' values being – Arts, Culture & Heritage; Beautiful, Natural Environment; Diverse Community; Educational Assets; Health, Safety & Welfare; Opportunities & Economic Growth; Small Town Feel; and our Urban Amenities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Williamsport plans to base their decisions, in part, in these values, which represent the most common core ideals from a broad segment of the community. We recognize this effort to collect voices and visions of our citizens upon which to base our future, and the daily decisions we make in order to embody the will of the community.

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