RESOLUTION 4-75

THIS RESOLUTION entered this 4th day of July, 1975, by the Commissioners of Leonardtown.

WHEREAS, The Town of Leonardtown, believed to be the oldest incorporated town in the State, has considered adopting a new coat of arms. The original name of the town was Seymour town, named after John Seymour, the sixth royal governor of Maryland (1704 to 1709).

WHEREAS, the coat of arms of Seymour is described in Burke's General Armory of England, Scotland and Ireland. By Act of the General Assembly dated April 26, 1684 amending an earlier act of August 8, 1683 legislation was passed establishing a "town at Britton's Neck between Britton's Bay and St. Clement's Bay" and by an act dated December 17, 1708 authority was given to establish a town of 50 acres of Sheppard's Old Fields, near the head of Britton's Bay, on the land of Philip Lynes, Esq. It appears that the name was designated as Leonardtown on October 28, 1728.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioners of Leonardtown to adopt as the town's seal the Seymour coat of arms. The seal is described as follows:

PROPER HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

ARMS: Gules, Two Wings Co-Joined in Lure, or.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Coronet, or, a Phoenix of the Last, Issuing From Flames, Proper

MOTTO: Foy Pour Devoir

TRANSLATION

ARMS: Red, Two Wings, Joined at the Back with Tips Point Downward, Gold

CREST: Out of a Ducal Coronet, Gold (Usually Shown with 3 Green Stones and 2 Red Stones in the Head Band), A Phoenix of Gold Issuing From Flames, as they Would Appear in Lffe

MOTTO: Foy Pour Devoir (Faithful to Duty)
The Motto is displayed on a Silver Banner with Gold Tassles. The Motto is of ancient French origin.

The aforegoing heraldic devices are displayed on a field of Royal Blue since Leonardtown was established under a Royal Decree of King Charles the Second and later Decrees of Queen Anne and King George II.

The whole is surrounded with a band of Gold on which is inscribed the words, "LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND", at the top and the date "1728" at the bottom; all spaced by 13 Stars indicative of the fact that Leonardtown was an old town when the 13 original states were formed.

Witness the hand and seal of the Commissioners of Leonardtown the day and year first above written:

_____ (SEAL)
Raymond H. Hall, President

_____ (SEAL)
James B. Fenwick

_____ (SEAL)
Victor E. Marine

_____ (SEAL)
Frederick J. McWilliams

_____ (SEAL)
J. Harry Norris, III

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Sarah S. Guy, Secretary

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Thomas E. Stokel, Jr.
Town Historian