

## RESOLUTION 1-99

### APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND AS A RECOGNIZED HERITAGE AREA

Whereas, the Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, has reviewed that recently completed application for designation as a Recognized Heritage Area prepared by the Southern Maryland Heritage Partnership; and

Whereas, Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, acknowledges the presence of significant natural, cultural, recreational and historical resources and further recognizes their importance to the cities and towns of the region, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, the State of Maryland, the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay watersheds and the United States of America; and

Whereas, the Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, believes that these areas, features and values are worthy of conservation and that their managed use will promote resource protection and enhance recreational and economic opportunities within the Southern Maryland region; and


Whereas, the application for designation as a Recognized Heritage Area reflects the visions, ideas and goals of a broad-based group of public officials, private organization representatives, and area residents, and is the product of a cooperative, publically accessible and open process which has involved a wide range of community involvement through public meetings, workshops, interviews and outreach activities of the various subcommittees working with Southern Maryland Heritage Area Steering Committee;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, approves and submits the application for designation as a Recognized Heritage Area to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. The Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, is committed to working with public and private agencies, institutions and organizations to carry this out and does hereby recognize the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Partnership and Steering Committee as the body to continue the further development of this concept.

This endorsement by the Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, does not mean any financial commitment to the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Partnership or Steering Committee. The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Partnership and Steering Committee area hereby encouraged to guide voluntary public and private sector actions to conserve, promote, enhance and improve the quality of life within the region while being sensitive to the ecological factors, economic development needs, private property rights and the culture and traditions of town and county residents. The Southern Maryland Heritage area Partnership and Steering Committee is encouraged to use this document to secure appropriate financial and technical assistance from local, state and federal government agencies, private organizations and individuals


in order to cooperatively achieve this vision.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

  
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