Resolution 2-03 Resolution in Support of Southern Maryland Heritage Tourism Management Plan

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION of the Commissioners of Leonardtown approving and authorizing the submittal of a Management Plan for the certification of the Southern Maryland Heritage Tourism Management Plan as a Certified Maryland Heritage Area.

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Leonardtown in partnership with the Southern Maryland Heritage Tourism Committee has prepared a Management Plan to designate a portion of Southern Maryland as a Certified Heritage Area as part of the Maryland System of Heritage Areas, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Maryland Heritage Tourism Management Plan has important environmental, recreation, cultural resources, as well as significant historical sites and districts on the National Register of Historical Places; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Maryland Heritage Tourism Management Plan presents strategies for enhancing these resources, improving linkages, advancing economic development strategies, and providing for stewardship and preservation;

WHEREAS, the Management Plan will compliment other State, County and Town initiatives in the Certified Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the Management Plan and the Certified Heritage Area proposal by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the Town will amend the Town's Comprehensive Plan to adopt the portions of the Management Plan relevant to the Comprehensive Plan as a strategy to implement the Comprehensive Plan; and

Now, therefore, be it jointly resolved by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, Maryland that the Management Plan and the proposal to request that the Southern Maryland Heritage Area become a Certified Maryland Heritage Area, attached hereto as Exhibit A, be and the same is hereby approved and the Southern Maryland Heritage Tourism Committee is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to submit the Management Plan and certified heritage area proposal to the Maryland Heritage Area Authority for approval.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption, this 12th day of May 2003.

Commissioners of Leonardtown

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J. Harry Norris, III., Mayor

Ruth W. Proffitt, Vice President

Charles Faunce, Councilman

Walter Gillette, Councilman

Walter Wise, Councilman

ATTEST:

Laschelle E. Miller, Town Administrator