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Resolution to Preserve Our Coal Mining Heritage

Whereas, the Northern Appalachian Coal Mining Heritage Association was founded in the year 2000 and has maintained 501c3 status.

Whereas, the Northern Appalachian Coal Mining Heritage Association has a mission to educate the public on, maintain and reserve historic and culture heritage pertaining to coal mining in the "Fairmont Field" and do so in various ways wherever possible.

Whereas, West Virginia is the second largest coal producing state in the country.

Whereas, Northern Appalachia Coal Mining Heritage Association supports area coal mining heritage projects like Miner's Memorial Park, a museum and an active project "connect the dots" of coal heritage sites.

Whereas, the current focus is the "Fairmont Field", namely the West Virginia counties of Barbour, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston and Taylor from the 19th Century to present day.

Whereas, a goal of the Northern Appalachian Coal Mining Heritage Association is to establish a coal heritage trail and ultimately a coal heritage area.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Barbour County Commission is in support of establishing a coal heritage trail and a coal heritage area that includes the counties of Barbour, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston and Taylor in order to increase awareness of this opportunity in our region, encourage cooperation between our counties and further pursue grant funding at the state level and eventually the federal level.

Adopted this 19th day of November 2021.

Susie Cvechko, Commission President

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