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KEYSTONE MARKER TRUST RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is known for its iconic, century-old program of blue-and-gold, cast iron, keystone-shaped highway markers denoting the entrances to towns, cities, and boroughs, trail heads, trail crossings, stream and river crossings, and other noteworthy locations, with such markers known collectively as the "Keystone Markers," inclusive of two historic pole types and three historic sign types;

Whereas the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area has a deep interest in Pennsylvania's future, a future that will require new investment in the multiple senses of that word both from within and outside state borders.

Whereas, among these needs, Pennsylvania must endeavor to attract new industry and retain and grow existing industry by setting itself apart from other investment-hungry states;

Whereas, Pennsylvania needs to enhance tourism by marketing its unique places in an equally-unique way accessible to technology-savvy visitors, most of whom arrive by car.

Whereas, Pennsylvania needs a rebirth of civic pride and a re-commitment of its citizens to take responsibility for the places they call home, because, as the state's resources to care for its infrastructure become increasingly stretched, a citizenry cognizant of the cumulative value of even small acts of stewardship becomes increasingly necessary.

Whereas, a recent DCNR report written by renowned Urban Land Institute Senior Fellow Ed McMahon found that enhancing community gateways through restoration and re-installation of resources like the Keystone Markers is an economical way to meet the aforementioned needs by strengthening outside investment, tourism, and civic pride in a way that is uniquely "Pennsylvania."

Whereas, markers existed in every County in Commonwealth, but most are damaged or missing,

Whereas, many towns, state and local organizations, and individuals would like to restore existing Keystone Markers, re-install missing Keystone Markers and create new Markers even where such markers may not have existed historically;

NOW THEREFORE we support the Keystone Marker Trust in its mission to identify, document, preserve, restore and re-install Pennsylvania's iconic Keystone Markers. We therefore also support the Trust in its work to:

- Advocate with PennDOT, state agencies, and municipalities across the Commonwealth for marker repair and re-installation.
- Create a fund to assist communities, civic associations, and individuals to repair and re-install their markers
- Create an Adopt-a-Marker program with PennDOT similar to the existing Adopt-a-Highway program
- Utilize marker repair and re-installation as mitigation for highway projects affecting historic resources.

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