

# **Resolution of Appreciation to Mayor Joan Foster for Service to the Region 2000 Communities and the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council**

**April 26, 2018**

**Whereas**, Mayor Joan Foster joined the Local Government Council in 2004 and faithfully served as a Council member for 14 years, including serving as Chair in 2008-2009, 2013-2014 and 2017-2018 and as Chair of the MPO in 2005-2006 and 2010-2011 and,

**Whereas**, Mayor Foster provided valuable leadership and trusted advice on local and regional initiatives and policies, and

**Whereas**, as a member of the Local Government Council Mayor Foster worked to improve the quality of life and economic vitality of the region, and

**Whereas**, during Mayor Foster's service on the Council, the region was recognized by state and national organizations for regional cooperation, innovation and excellence in planning and development, and

**Whereas**, Mayor Foster took a leadership role in regional cooperation activities on behalf of the Local Government Council and the City of Lynchburg focusing on lowering costs for localities and improving or maintaining high quality public services such as solid waste management through the Region 2000 Services Authority, emergency services communications through the Region 2000 Radio Communications Board and workforce development and education through the Region 2000 Workforce Development Board, and

**Whereas**, during her time on the Council, Mayor Foster and the Local Government Council made a significant difference in the lives of over 150 families in the development and management of projects that provided safe, affordable housing and improved neighborhoods and living conditions in neighborhoods that were previously blighted or distressed, and

**Whereas**, Mayor Foster encouraged the successful application for Safe Routes to School funding and the development of walking trails in many Region 2000 communities for residents and visitors to enjoy healthy exercise and pleasant outdoor recreation in our region.

**Whereas**, during Mayor Foster's service on the Council, she encouraged the Council to make no little plans. Mayor Foster served as a Co-Chair to the initial Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and on the Steering Committee for the recent CEDS update, and

**Whereas**, Mayor Foster's patient leadership, good humor, and wise counsel will be missed by the Local Government Council and staff,

**Now hereby be it resolved**, that the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council offers its sincere appreciation for her work over the past 14 years as a member of the Local Government Council and for her work on behalf of the City of Lynchburg and the communities of Region 2000. We wish Mayor Joan Foster much happiness and success in her future endeavors.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Gary F. Christie, Secretary

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Mike Mattox, Co-Chair