RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF
NEW RIVER VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION REGIONAL AUTHORITY
AND THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING THE FORMATION FO THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansburg has participated in and has been a party to numerous regional 9-1-1 emergency communications consolidation feasibility studies in order to determine whether it is technically, practically and economically feasible to establish a regional 9-1-1 emergency center and a radio system serving all jurisdictions within the County of Montgomery and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, based on these studies, the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia has determined that participation in a regional 9-1-1 Authority with the Town of Blacksburg, the County of Montgomery, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is the best means to provide a responsive and efficient means of handling 9-1-1 emergency communications within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly enacted the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority Act, effective July 1, 2010 ("the Act"), enabling the County of Montgomery, the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to form a regional authority to provide the core responsibilities for governance of a consolidated public safety communication center with regional interoperable communication; and

WHEREAS, before the Regional Authority may be created, the Act requires the governing bodies of the Town of Blacksburg and the Town of Christiansburg and the County of Montgomery, and the Board of Visitors for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University by Resolution to support the formation of a regional authority to provide 911 dispatch and emergency communications service to the people of each jurisdiction and campus and to approve a memorandum of understanding by and among each of the participating political subdivisions setting forth the terms and conditions of the intended formation of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia, support the formation of a regional authority to provide 911 dispatch and emergency communication services for the people of Montgomery County and approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Formation of the New River Valley Emergency Communication Regional Authority dated October 25, 2010 by and between the County of Montgomery, Virginia, the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, Virginia, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia, that the Town Council hereby supports the formation of the New River Valley Emergency Communication Regional Authority by the entities of the County of Montgomery, the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to provide 911 dispatch and emergency communication services for the people of Montgomery County and for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia that the Town Council hereby approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Formation of the New River Valley Emergency Communication Regional Authority by and between the County of Montgomery, Virginia, the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and authorize Barry D. Helms, Interim Town Manager, to execute the said Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia.

GIVEN under my hand this _____ day of November 2010.

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Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council