TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG

Established November 10, 1792 *Incorporated January 7, 1833*

RESOLUTION

November 15, 2011

To commemorate and support the Bicentennial of the American War of 1812 in Virginia

WHEREAS, the American War of 1812 was fought between the United States and Britain from June 18, 1812, through February 18, 1815, in Virginia and Maryland, along the Canadian border, along the western frontier, along the Gulf Coast, and through naval engagements in the Great Lakes and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and

WHEREAS, the strategic location of the Chesapeake Bay near the nation's capitol made it a prime target for the British, and the coast of Virginia figured prominently in the Atlantic theatre of operations; and

WHEREAS, there were some 73 armed encounters with the British that took place in Virginia during the war, and Virginians actively fought in Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio and in naval engagements; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 70,000 Virginians served during the American War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, the American War of 1812 helped forge a national identity among the American states and laid the groundwork for a national system of homeland defense and a professional military within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial of the American War of 1812 provides an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the independence for which our forefathers so bravely fought; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Virginia General Assembly established the Virginia Bicentennial of the American War of 1812 Commission to lead the Commonwealth's commemoration of the bicentennial of America's Forgotten War, the Second War of Independence, and localities throughout the State have been requested to commemorate the bicentennial locally with appropriate activities and to participate in the several signature events and other numerous programs and activities have been planned for the Commonwealth,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Council of the Town of Christiansburg **THAT:**

The Council of the Town of Christiansburg commemorates the bicentennial of the American War of 1812 in Virginia, and will endeavor to support the commemoration through locally developed activities and participation in statewide bicentennial events and programs;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Christiansburg hereby notifies the Virginia Bicentennial of the American War of 1812 Commission of its agreement to execute local activities and to participate in statewide events and programs to commemorate the bicentennial of the American War of 1812 in Virginia.

ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2011.

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Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council