A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF THE CROOKED ROAD: VIRGINIA'S HERITAGE MUSIC TRAIL AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia supports the Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail and its mission to support economic development in southwest Virginia by celebrating, preserving, and promoting the region's rich musical heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Crooked Road Board of Directors has determined that the organization should research and pursue National Heritage Area designation for the Crooked Road through the National Park Service and the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Crooked Road has held public input sessions throughout the 19 county, 4 city and over 50 town region of southwest Virginia, to present the benefits of a National Heritage Area designation and to receive public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Crooked Road has proposed to include provisions in the designating legislation to ensure that such a designation will have no effect on property rights or local zoning; and

WHEREAS, the recognition and potential funding to be obtained through this designation will have a positive and lasting impact on the Town of Christiansburg and the entire southwest Virginia region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Christiansburg Town Council does formally endorse the National Heritage Area designation of the Crooked Road, and does formally request that the National Park Service, Congressman Morgan Griffith, Congressman Robert Hurt, Senator Mark Warner, and Senator Tim Kaine take the necessary steps to expedite this designation for the benefit of all southwest Virginians.

Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing resolution on a motion by _____ seconded by _____ at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia held January 15, 2013, the members of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia present throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Richard G. Ballengee*				
D. Michael Barber				
Cord Hall				
Steve Huppert				
Henry Showalter				
Bradford J. Stipes				
James W. Vanhoozier				

*Mayor votes only in the event of a tie vote by Council.

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Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor

A True Copy Test:

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Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council