A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide options that allow children to walk and bicycle to school safely, and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs can address these challenges through a coordinated action plan;

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School programs use a variety of education, engineering and enforcement strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school and encouragement strategies to entice more children to walk and bicycle;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program provides grant opportunities up to $500,000 to support engineering (infrastructure) projects that will increase the number of children who bike and walk to school based upon a School Travel Plan;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Program is fully supported by federal funds and requires no local match;

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort has taken place over the last year in which the Town, Montgomery County Public Schools, school staff, local law enforcement, parents, local planners, and local engineers have developed an approved Travel Plan;

WHEREAS, the Town is developing an infrastructure grant application to fund engineering solutions identified in the School Travel Plan;

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County Public Schools, Christiansburg Primary School, and Christiansburg Elementary School anticipate a continuing Safe Routes to School program in the community;

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Christiansburg that the Town Council supports the applications for Safe Routes to School grants for infrastructure improvements to support School Travel Plans developed for Christiansburg Primary School and Christiansburg Elementary School.

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.

_____ A True Copy Test: _____

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council