

## **Resolution 18-012**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOME RULE AS A PERMANENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White Hall supports and requests that its Legislators and the Governor pass and sign legislation removing the sunset date in WV Code 8-1-5A and making the Home Rule Program a permanent one in West Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the future economic Progress for the State of West Virginia is directly tied to the success of its municipalities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the Legislature in enacting a home rule pilot program was to provide municipalities the framework in which to explore new ideas and evaluate the results to determine the viability of implementing solutions on a statewide basis and empower the municipal citizen with local control at the local level; and,

**WHEREAS**, the pilot program for municipalities in West Virginia was passed in 2007 and has proven success stories that have advanced the participating cities, thus benefitting the surrounding regions, and the entire State of WV under adoption of innovative, cost efficient and business friendly implementations of home rule ordinances; and,

**WHEREAS**, the successful Legislative audit which allowed the pilot program to continue has also given the Legislature and the public an opportunity to evaluate the viability of these innovative approaches to improve urban and state development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Pilot Program has been used successfully in the current participating municipalities and now the Town of White Hall must be given the opportunity to join should and when the governing body chooses to do so; and,

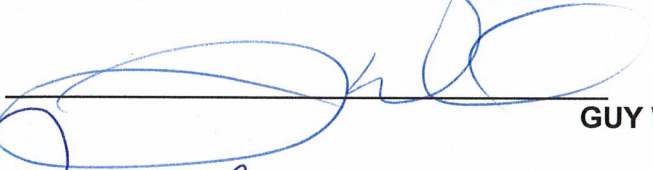
**WHEREAS**, for the laboratory for democracy to continue with successful outcome, the Legislature must continue Home Rule as a permanent program. To deny passage will ultimately result in a choice of municipal winners and losers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of White Hall will work with the West Virginia Municipal League to reconstitute the work of the stakeholders group representing the fire Marshall's Office, Department of Transportation and the Department of Revenue in areas of concern that were addressed in the 2017 veto message to assure completion of the full legislative process and the continued success brought to the state through this program.

**Let It Further Be Resolved** that the Town of White Hall supports and will aggressively pursue the passage of this permanent program to allow innovative and progressive problem solving at the local level-empowering the municipal citizen and placing local control at the local level.

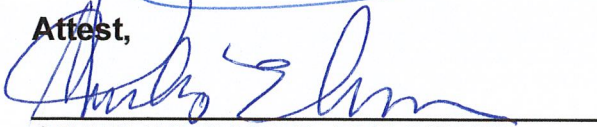
**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the Town Council this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of October, 2018.



GUY WARD, MAYOR

Attest,



CHARLES MASON, RECORDER