



## Resolution 25-005 in Support of the I-68 Energy Manufacturing Corridor

Whereas, the West Virginia Route 2 and Interstate 68 Authority was established by the West Virginia State Legislature on April 12, 1997, with the passage of House Bill 2539 and signed by Governor Cecil Underwood on May 2, 1997; and

Whereas, the extension of Interstate 68 from its junction with I-79 near Morgantown, West Virginia to West Virginia Route 2 at Kent, West Virginia has been sought after even before the creation of the Authority; and

Whereas, the Shale Crescent USA region in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania is the premiere low-cost manufacturing region in the world; and

Whereas, the project to extend Interstate 68 has the potential to accelerate private and government revenues and create thousands of jobs from the Shale Crescent; and

Whereas, President Trump's administration during his first term in office supported this project by working with and holding meetings with Bob Miller, Jr., as a West Virginia Marshall County Commissioner in 2017, and then in his current role as the Executive Director of the West Virginia Route 2 and Interstate 68 Authority; and

Whereas, the White House arranged meetings with the United States Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce, and the Department of Energy in Washington, DC under President Trump's first term to expedite this project; and

Whereas, this project would play a major role in accomplishing President Trump's mission to create conditions for economic growth and opportunity; and

Whereas, the extension of Interstate 68 has never been more important than now; so

Therefore, be it resolved that the \_\_\_Town of White Hall\_\_\_\_\_ fully

supports and urges the Trump White House, Governor Patrick Morrisey, the West Virginia State Legislature, and representatives of both State and Federal government bodies to do everything in their power to secure funding to extend and build the "I-68 ENERGY MANUFACTURING CORRIDOR" from the junction with Interstate 79 near Morgantown, West Virginia, to WV Route 2 at Kent, West Virginia, then across the Ohio River to Clarington, Ohio, to Interstate 77 near Caldwell, Ohio, and eventually westward to Interstate 75 between Dayton and Middletown, Ohio.

Approved this the 8th day of September, 2025.

Signed: Jason DeFrance

Title: Mayor