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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A BERKELEY COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM AND BOARD

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code 8-24-72, et. Seq. authorizes the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia, on and after June 8, 2000, to establish a county farmland protection program; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code 8-24-72, et. Seq. authorizes the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia, on and after June 8, 2000, to establish a county farmland protection board; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia recognizes that agriculture is a unique life support industry and that a need exists to assist the agriculture community of Berkeley County which is experiencing the irreversible loss of agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia recognizes that the agriculture community of Berkeley County provides sources of agriculture products for the citizens of the state; enhances tourism; protects worthwhile community values, institutions and landscapes which are inseparably associated with traditional farming; and controls the urban expansion which is consuming land, topsoil and woodland of the county.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia that a Berkeley County Farmland Protection Program be established to provide persons an opportunity to voluntarily protect agricultural land in Berkeley County by the voluntary placement of conservation easements on farmland; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia that there is hereby created, effective June 15, 2000, a county farmland protection board and which shall be known as the "Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board" to create and administer the Berkeley County Farmland Protection Program; in consultation with the Eastern Panhandle Soil Conservation District and with the approval of the County

Commission of Berkeley County. Said county board shall be a public agency, which shall have all the powers, rights, duties and obligations set forth by West Virginia Code 8-24-72 et. Seq.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Berkeley County, West Virginia that said directors shall serve without compensation for their services on the board, but shall be reimbursed their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Dated this 15 day of June, 2000

D. Wayne Dunham, President
Berkeley County Commission

Robert L. Burkhart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

John W. Small, Jr.
County Clerk

John E. Wright, Commissioner