

Agenda Item 4

Resolution Honoring Gary F. Christie, Executive Director Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC)

WHEREAS, Gary F. Christie, was appointed Executive Director of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission in 2004 after a distinguished career in local government as a City Manager, County Administrator and Executive Director of a Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Executive Director, Gary has earned a reputation as an objective champion of initiatives to improve the quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, as Executive Director, Gary has convened discussions on numerous concerns and projects to move the region forward through successful regional partnerships including, but not limited to: The establishment of the Region 2000 Services Authority; implementation of the Region's P25 digital public safety radio system; numerous transportation corridor studies; and administration of numerous grants for CDBG housing and utility improvements; and

WHEREAS, Gary's efforts and accomplishments were recognized on numerous occasions including receipt of the Robert W. Baker Achievement Award from the Virginia Association of Planning Commissions in 2008 and the Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations for the CVPDC's work with the Region 2000 Partnership in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Gary's commitment to the region is further embodied in his on-going service and loyal civic engagement through the Rotary Club, including serving as the Rotary District Assistant Governor from 2016-2019; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Christie always used his copious knowledge and peaceful and calming demeanor to diffuse difficult situations and help others to find the best, most workable solutions to seemingly intractable problems; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Christie led the CVPDC in a time of transition, creating the Region 2000 partnership and becoming the Central Virginia Planning District Commission once again, and through it all, worked to keep the interests of the region at the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Gary F. Christie led the CVPDC through projects that brought federal funds to all of the region's localities, improving our economic development, community development, transportation, downtowns, sidewalks, and quality of life;

WHEREAS, Gary F. Christie is at the cusp of his next life journey- that of beginning retirement after many years of service to all of the communities where he has lived, including 18 years as our region's Planning District Executive Director.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central Virginia Planning District Commission Board of Directors does hereby officially recognize Gary F. Christie for his many years of

outstanding service to all of the communities where he has so faithfully served and we wish he and his family many years of joy, peace and health in retirement, and we all pass along our many thanks for his work.