

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 5

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RE-DESIGNATION OF THE
BERLIN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Berlin has applied to the State Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) for re-designation of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District within certain boundaries, as shown on the accompanying map (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, under State law, the designation of an arts and entertainment district provides the following:

- (i) Provides an income tax subtraction modification for qualified artists residing in the district,
- (ii) Authorizes the governing body to grant a property tax credit for certain renovated buildings within the district, and
- (iii) Authorizes the governing body to grant certain exemptions from the admissions and amusement tax; and

WHEREAS, the application requires an acknowledgment from the County that the income tax subtraction modification to be offered in the district may affect the County's income, as well as a statement from the County as to whether, if the district is designated, the County will offer a property tax credit and the exemption from the admissions and amusement tax; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland previously supported and acknowledged the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District by Resolution No. 05-6 adopted on March 15, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Worcester County continue to recognize the benefits of such designation of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District and wish to acknowledge their continued support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

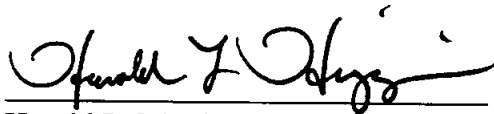
1. The County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland support the Town of Berlin's application to the State for re-designation of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District within certain boundaries, as shown on the accompanying map (the "District"); and
2. The County Commissioners acknowledge that the income tax subtraction modification to be offered in the district may affect the County's income; and

3. If the district is designated, the County will offer a property tax credit and an exemption from the admissions and amusement tax equal to that which is offered by the Town of Berlin.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

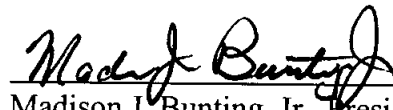
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2015.

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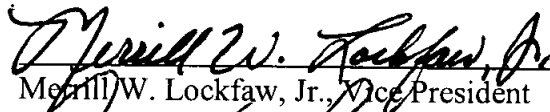


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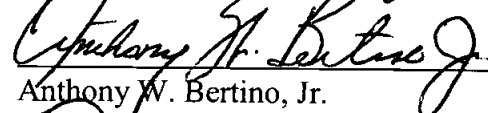
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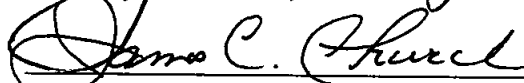
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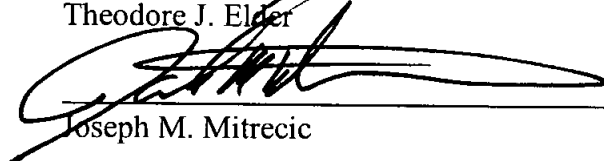
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Absent

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