



WHEREAS the Bristol, Kingsport and Johnson City Chambers of Commerce Chairs of their respective Boards have met throughout 2018 to discern ways for our region to collaborate, communicate, coordinate for the overall good of the region;

WHEREAS the Bristol, Kingsport and Johnson City Chambers of Commerce have enjoyed a successful working relationship sharing a unified vision when it comes to community and economic development that improves the quality of life for our citizens;

WHEREAS the Chambers work together on numerous committees, serve on each other's boards and collaborate on projects throughout the region and the state; America's Night Race, Opportunity Enterprise Zones, USDA 1 Alpha, Bristol 2040, Legislative Issues and Policies, Music for All Bands of America, TriPride, Tri-Cities Airport Development, Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association, Play Tennessee, Outdoor Recreation Task Force, Meet the Mountains

WHEREAS our chambers are committed to move the region forward to secure its position for the future by improving our neighborhoods, communities and business environment for current and future residents;

WHEREAS for the first time in recorded history the Sullivan County and Washington County Commissions met to announce their intention of creating ways to work together;

WHEREAS these Chambers and these county commissions intend to remove the arbitrary and imaginary lines that are barriers to working together;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we will continue to meet in the coming months with a goal of establishing a committee that represents our region;

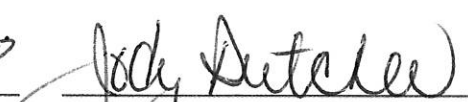
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the committee will determine how to ask the hard questions about implementing regionalism, which will include joining with the **county commissions, boards of supervisors, city and town governments** to best utilize resources;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we believe that working together will enhance our use of resources, develop more effective strategies and scopes of work that would earn support from across the region, and enable us to exceed the expectations of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the undersigned ask all to strive to achieve and exceed expectations in the coming years as we discern ways to work better together for the overall good of the NE TN/SW VA region.

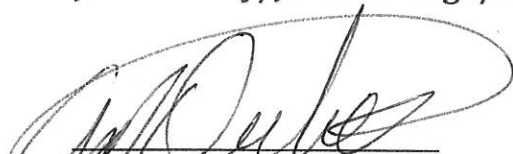
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Jerry Caldwell, 2018, Chair

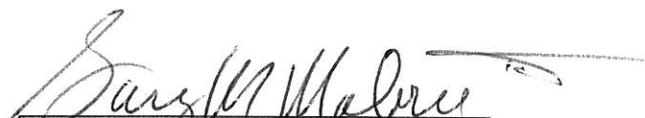

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