RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 23-13

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr
Executive Director
DATE: January 26, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL OUTREACH AND INTERPRETATION GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) provides coordination for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) in Northern Virginia through a Cooperative Agreement P21AC12147-00 with the National Park Service;

WHEREAS, NVRC supports the advancement of safety, connectivity, and accessibility to the PHNST through planning and projects with PHNST stakeholders, including Northern Virginia jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service and PHNST stakeholders have an expressed interest in developing new interpretive media that can highlight the region’s diverse natural and cultural history and enhance outreach for the PHNST;

WHEREAS, NVRC looks to work with PHNST stakeholders to develop new interpretive media for the PHNST in Northern Virginia, including interpretive panels along the trail and brochures for distribution;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways is a program that aims to promote and enhance education, engagement, and public access around the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways program is providing a competitive grant opportunity that supports the development and implementation of inclusive interpretation and messaging projects within the watershed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to apply for the grant, not to exceed $50,000, from the National Park Service in support of a PHNST outreach and interpretation project for Northern Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into this contract with the National Park Service should the proposal be accepted for funding.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on January 26, 2023.

ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER