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**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, West Virginia's first flag was authorized by Legislature on January 28, 1864, and individual flags were presented to each of the state's military regiments before the end of the Civil War. The first official flag of West Virginia was adopted in 1905 based upon the flag designed and used by the West Virginia Commission at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The flag was altered in 1907 for the Jamestown Exposition and featured the coat of arms. The present-day West Virginia flag was adopted by legislature on March 7, 1929, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Great Seal of West Virginia, illustrated on the flag, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar, of Doddridge County in 1863 and adopted by the Legislature on September 26, 1863, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Great Seal bears the motto *Montani Semper Liberi*, Mountaineers are Always Free, which was adopted as the official motto of the state of West Virginia in Article II, Section 2-7, of the state constitution signed in 1872, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Great Seal of West Virginia displays a farmer to the right and a miner to the left of a large rock bearing the date of admission to the Union, June 20, 1863. The two men, a farmer and a miner, stand on either side of the boulder and represent agriculture and industry. The farmer stands on the right with an ax and plow before a cornstalk, and a sheaf of wheat. The miner stands on the left with a pickaxe and, behind him, two barrels, an anvil, and sledgehammer and,

**WHEREAS**, the state's Coat of Arms in the center of the Great Seal symbolizes the principal pursuits and resources of West Virginia. In front of the boulder lie two crossed hunting rifles and a Phrygian cap (Cap of Liberty) to illustrate the importance of the state's fight for liberty, and,

**WHEREAS**, the pledge of allegiance to the flag of West Virginia was unanimously adopted by the Secretary of State's office after being duly moved and seconded by Charles S. Smith and Carol J. Calvert on February 8, 1977, and,


**Pledge of Allegiance  
to the  
West Virginia State Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of West Virginia, which serves as a constant reminder that "Mountaineers Are Always Free," which stands as a symbol of her majestic mountains, fertile forests, rich veins of coal, and the pride of her people.

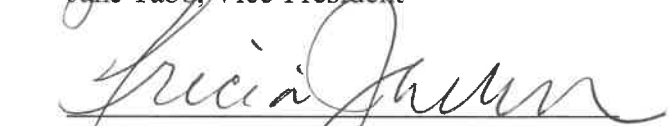
**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, By the County Commission of Jefferson County, West Virginia: that the County Commission hereby adopts the Pledge of Allegiance to the West Virginia State Flag; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Commission of Jefferson County, West Virginia hereby expresses its intent to commence each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the West Virginia State Flag, immediately following the pledge to the flag of the United States,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Commission of Jefferson County, West Virginia hereby certifies this resolution passed and signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

  
Stephen Stolipher, President

  
Jane Tabb, Vice-President

  
Tricia Jackson, Commissioner

  
Jennifer Krouse, Commissioner

  
Pasha Majdi, Commissioner

  
Jacqueline C. Shadle  
Jefferson County Clerk