



City of Charles Town

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A Resolution of Support for the Designation of the Jefferson County Courthouse as a National Historic Landmark

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission has taken the lead in researching and documenting the historical significance of the Jefferson County Courthouse and submitted materials to the National Park Service requesting that the Courthouse be designated a National Landmark; and

WHEREAS, receiving this prestigious designation is appropriate given the importance of the Courthouse as the site for several key historical events including the treason trials of John Brown in the 1850s and coal miners in the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, the Courthouse stands at the center of Charles Town's historic downtown and attracts visitors to our community who are interested in learning more about the history of the region and our town; and

WHEREAS, the Courthouse achieving the designation as a National Landmark will further the City's economic goals of a dynamic and thriving downtown filled with cultural, educational, retail, and service opportunities for all its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Charles Town, WV hereby supports the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission's application to designate the Jefferson County Courthouse a National Historic Landmark and commends them for the research and hard work they have done to prepare the necessary documents for consideration; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council encourages the National Park Service to designate the Courthouse a National Landmark and will continue to promote the site to residents and visitors as a point of pride with history that is worth preserving and protecting.

Adopted this 17th day of May 2021.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert M. Trainor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Robert M. Trainor
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daryl Hennessy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daryl Hennessy
City Manager/Clerk