

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2025-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING FORT HYNDSHAW AS AN IMPORTANT HISTORICAL RESOURCE AND INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORT HYNDSHAW NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, representatives from the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology presented information regarding Fort Hyndshaw to the Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on April 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fort Hyndshaw was built in 1756 by order of the Province of Pennsylvania in a location that now lies completely within Middle Smithfield Township; and

WHEREAS, Fort Hyndshaw was the northernmost of a line of defenses erected during the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has dedicated a historical marker to Fort Hyndshaw at the approximate location of the Fort Hyndshaw site since 1949; and

WHEREAS, Fort Hyndshaw has naturally deteriorated over the course of many years to the point of destruction and unrecognizability; and

WHEREAS, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology has informed the Board of Supervisors that the government of the United States of America could establish the Fort Hyndshaw National Monument which would entail rebuilding and restoring the fort by the year 2055 for the tricentennial anniversary of the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology has requested that the Board of Supervisors consider a Resolution indicating its support for the government of the United States of America to rebuild and restore Fort Hyndshaw and establish the Fort Hyndshaw National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds the preservation and restoration of significant historical sites such as Fort Hyndshaw to be in the best interest of the Township's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at its regular meeting on April 24, 2025 to consider adopting a Resolution indicating its support for the restoration of Fort Hyndshaw and the establishment of the Fort Hyndshaw National Monument.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Middle Smithfield, that the Board recognizes Fort Hyndshaw as a site of historical significance and fully supports any and all efforts by the government of the United States of America, including any of its

administrative agencies, to restore Fort Hyndshaw and establish the Fort Hyndshaw National Monument in time for the tricentennial anniversary of the French & Indian War.

SO RESOLVED this

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day of


May

, A.D., 2025.

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD


ANNETTE ATKINSON, Chairperson


MARK ONEY, Vice Chairperson


MICHAEL J. DWYER, Supervisor

(SEAL)


Michele L. Clewell, Secretary