

Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Norton is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long and proud history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton has Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

WHEREAS, reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

WHEREAS, the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

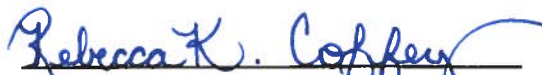
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program for an additional 15 year period.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 2019.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA


Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Coffey, Clerk of Council

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Debra Horne, Mayor

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Terrina Ward, Town Clerk

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AML Reauthorization Resolution

Whereas Dungannon is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

Whereas Dungannon has Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

Whereas the reclamation of such sites is vital to the health and safety of our communities and the future of our region; and

Whereas reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

Whereas the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and

Whereas over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

Whereas the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Town of Dungannon urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program, including fee collection at no less than the current rate, for an additional 15 years.

Signed by Mayor Horne and five council members:

Debra Horne, Mayor
George Kensley
Jamie Felt
Nina Bigley
Kristi D. Fann

RESOLUTION 17 – 2019
ABANDONED MINE LAND PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, Big Stone Gap is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

WHEREAS, Big Stone Gap has Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the reclamation of such sites is vital to the health and safety of our communities and the future of our region; and

WHEREAS, reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and

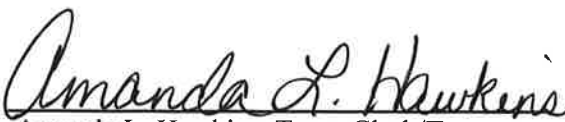
WHEREAS, over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

WHEREAS, Wise County has \$110 million outstanding in reclamation costs of AML sites; and

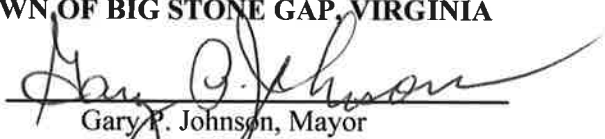
WHEREAS, the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town of Big Stone Gap urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program, including fee collection at no less than the current rate, for an additional 15 years.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2019.

By: 
Amanda L. Hawkins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA

By: 
Gary P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Recorded Vote:

Ayes: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Johnson, Lyke, McKinney

Nays: None Absent: Hughes Abstain: None

AML REAUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Whereas St. Paul is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

Whereas St. Paul has nearby Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

Whereas the reclamation of such sites is vital to the health and safety of our communities and the future of our region; and

Whereas reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

Whereas the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and


Whereas over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

Whereas Wise County has \$110 million outstanding in reclamation costs of AML sites and Russell County has 19 million in outstanding reclamation costs of AML sites; and

Whereas the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Town of St. Paul urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program, including fee collection at no less than the current rate, for an additional 15 years.

Adopted this 16th day of December, 2019, by a vote of 6 Ayes; 0 Nays;
0 Abstain; 0 Absent.



Mayor



Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAYSI

Mayor

Larry D. Yates



Council Members

Wm. "Billy" Counts
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace
Carter Branham
Rocky Wood
Susan Tiller

Resolution for the Abandoned Mine Land Re-Authorization

WHEREAS, The Town Of Haysi is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

WHEREAS, Haysi has Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the reclamation of such sites is vital to the health and safety of our communities and the future of our region; and

WHEREAS, reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

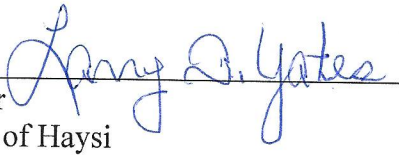
WHEREAS, Dickenson County has over 80 Million dollars of AML sites that have yet to receive funding for reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Town Of Haysi urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program, including fee collection at no less than the current rate, for an additional 15 years.

Specifically we urge the passage of H.R. 4248, sponsored by U.S. Representative Matt Cartwright, which would extend the existing fees for 15 years, expanded funding for states with the greatest need, and reimburse states for AML fees that were sequestered since Fiscal Year 2013.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Haysi Town Council at its regular meeting held on January 7, 2020 in Haysi, Virginia.



Mayor
Town of Haysi



Attest

**Abandoned Mine Land Fund Reauthorization
RESOLUTION**

Whereas the Town of Appalachia is a community in Southwest Virginia with a long history of coal mining, which has fueled the United States; and

Whereas the Town of Appalachia has Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites, which were abandoned prior to the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and are therefore eligible for federal AML funding for reclamation; and

Whereas the reclamation of such sites is vital to the health and safety of our communities and the future of our region; and

Whereas reclamation of such sites provide local job opportunities at a time when economic growth is needed; and

Whereas the Abandoned Mine Land fee is set to expire in 2021 unless reauthorized by Congress; and

Whereas over \$10.6 billion dollars of AML sites have yet to receive funding for reclamation across the country; and

Whereas Wise County has over \$110 million dollars of AML sites that have yet to receive funding for reclamation; and

Whereas the fund is financed by a fee on current coal production, so as to ensure that Southwest Virginia's coal legacy is a positive legacy that leaves our communities better situated for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Town of Appalachia, Virginia urges U.S. Senator Mark Warner and Senator Timothy Kaine, along with U.S. Representatives Robert Wittman (VA-1), Elaine Luria (VA-2), Robert Scott (VA-3), Donald McEachin (VA-4), Denver Riggleman (VA-5), Ben Cline (VA-6), Abigail Spanberger (VA-7), Donald Beyer (VA-8), Morgan Griffith (VA-9), Jennifer Wexton (VA-10) and Gerald Connolly (VA-11) to support and vote for legislation that reauthorizes the AML program, including fee collection at no less than the current rate, for an additional 15 years.

Specifically we urge the passage of H.R. 4248, sponsored by U.S. Representative Matt Cartwright, which would extend the existing fees for 15 years, expanded funding for states with the greatest need, and reimburse states for AML fees that were sequestered since Fiscal Year 2013.

Adopted this 16th day of January 2020.


Mayor Teddie Collins

ATTEST:


Town Clerk – Yvonne Isom