TOWN OF RISING SUN RESOLUTION 2012-12

WHEREAS, the Town, located in Cecil County, Maryland is a municipality organized under and governed by Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Town is proclaimed as a perpetual entity with the right to pass laws; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners recognize that keeping the Town of Rising Sun economically healthy and vibrant ensures the community as an attractive place to live and helps to avert poorly planned development, while promoting and facilitating economic prosperity, business growth and employment opportunities for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners recognize that initiatives such as open space management, historic preservation, park and recreation, infrastructure financing, economic development and community revitalization are essential to the vitality and prosperity of the Town of Rising Sun; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners recognize that there are various program designations put forth by the State of Maryland, such as <u>Priority Funding Area</u>, <u>Sustainable Communities</u>, <u>Community Legacy</u>, <u>Designated Communities</u>, <u>Distressed Community</u>, <u>Main Street</u>, <u>Elm Street</u>, etc that are designed to target and limit available state funding to communities that qualify for those program designations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners recognize that although the Town previously took the steps necessary to achieve these program designations, the necessary paperwork and back ground information was not completed and as such, the Town does not qualify for these funding streams; and

WHEREAS, the common denominator of all of these programs is the need for the performance of an economic development and community revitalization study, which will, identify and present a variety of background information critical to achieve program designations, such as zoning issues, proposed land use, market studies, demographics, transportation resources, community needs, economic factors, market designation and community niche'.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents and businesses of the Town of Rising Sun, the Town Administrator is hereby instructed to proceed with the issuance of an RFP for an economic development and community revitalization study and to report back to the Board with a recommendation for their selection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun passed, approved and adopted this resolution on this 11th day of September, 2012

AYES: Marion, Naughton & Osborne

NAYS: None

ATTEST:

ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF RISING SUN

Rhonda Harmison

BY: Mayor/Vice-Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012

Jack A. Gullo, Jr., - Town Attorney

STATE OF MARYLAND)

COUNTY OF CECIL)

TOWN OF RISING SUN)

SS:

CERTIFICATE

I, Rhonda Harmison, Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do herby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true, perfect and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland and the same has not, since its adoption, been rescinded or amended in any respect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 12th day of September, 2012.

Rhonda Harmison, Town Clerk