APPOINTMENT OF THE TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY FOR FOREST COUNTY

Whereas; the County of Forest has adopted and updated the Forest County Hotel Room Rental Tax Ordinance (Ordinance #1 of 2017), which provides for the levy of a 3% hotel tax within the County; and,

Whereas; the purpose of raising revenues under the Hotel Room Rental Tax Ordinance is to promote tourist activities within the County of Forest; and,

Whereas; the Northwest Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau is a multi-county organization dedicated to the purpose of promoting tourism in its constituents counties; and,

Whereas; Section 8 of the Hotel Room Rental Tax Ordinance authorizes the County Commissioners from time to time by resolution to designate the recognized tourist promotion agency which will be entitled to receive distributions of revenues derived from the hotel tax; and,

Whereas; the parties expect that the Visitors Bureau will be promoting some programs which may benefit communities and activities outside of the County of Forest; and,

Whereas; the County desires to assure that funds are available for tourist promotion within the County of Forest.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

1. Appointment: Northwest Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau is hereby appointed as the recognized tourist promotion agency specified under the provisions of the Forest County Hotel Room Rental Tax Ordinance, subject to all of the rights and duties therein contained and the terms and conditions which follow.

2. Forest County Tourist Promotion Committee: There is hereby created a Forest County Tourist Promotion Committee, which shall consist of members recommended and appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Forest County. The purpose of the Forest County Tourist Promotion Committee is to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the expenditure of funds for tourist promotion programs within the County of Forest. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly. Projects and programs recommended to the County Commissioners must comply with Section 1771.2 of the County Code (Act 142), as from time to
time amended. The Committee shall regularly provide a copy of its minutes to the Board of Commissioners of Forest County.

3. Distribution of Tax Revenues: The Northwest Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau shall distribute at least quarterly to programs approved by the Board of Commissioners for Forest County a sum equal to 75% of the hotel tax revenues collected from time to time within the County of Forest.

4. Reservation of Rights: The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right at any time to terminate, per Act 18 Section 1770.11 (c) (1), the appointment of the Northwest Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau as the registered tourist promotion agency for the County of Forest with or without cause.

This Resolution amends Resolution #11 of 2004 by modification.

Duly adopted and enacted, by the Board of Commissioners of Forest County, this 7th day of September, 2017.

Forest County Commissioners

Robert J. Snyder, Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Lynette Greathouse, Chief Clerk

Basil D. Huffman

Norman J. Wimer