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Resolution 05282019-002

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAIN STREET WEEK – MAY 6-11, 2019
HONORING THE WORK OF THE OWEN MAIN STREET PROGRAM AND THE
KENTUCKY MAIN STREET PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES
ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH TO CELEBRATE THE LOCAL MAIN STREET
DISTRICT AND THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE VITAL TO THE
SUCCESS OF MAIN STREET.**

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Main Street Program was created in 1979 to address the economic decline experienced by many of Kentucky's downtown business districts in the late 20th Century, and is the oldest statewide Main Street revitalization program in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of Kentucky Main Street is to encourage downtown revitalization and economic development within the context of historic preservation, adaptive reuse, and preserving existing assets of architecturally and historically significant buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the Main Street approach has proven successful in communities across the state by advocating self-reliance, local empowerment, and the rebuilding of downtowns based on traditional assets: distinctive architecture, historic character, a pedestrian-friendly environment, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of place; and,

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Main Street Program is administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office, and utilizes grassroots, community driven, comprehensive methodology developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, emphasizing good community design, effective promotion, sustainable organization, and economic vitality; and,

WHEREAS, local Main Street programs benefit from services and technical assistance provided by the Kentucky Heritage Council including architectural design, historic rehabilitation tax credits, qualifying for the National Register of Historic Places, and grant programs, when available; and,

WHEREAS, Kentucky Main Street is at its core a self-help program, locally administered and funded through private investment partnered with public support, which achieves success by addressing a variety of issues that face traditional business districts and re-establishing downtown as the community's focal point and center of activity; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the Kentucky Main Street Program increases the tax base of communities by converting unoccupied or underutilized buildings into revenue-producing businesses, creates jobs, increases employment tax revenue, increases downtown property values, increases sales tax revenue from both new business and restoration and renovation construction materials, keeps dollars circulating locally that might have been spent elsewhere, and promotes downtown as an attractive, active place that serves as the hub of community life and re-establishes downtown as the “heart” of the community; and,

WHEREAS, an economically healthy, attractive downtown attracts new businesses, industries and residents, instills pride and commitment in the community, enhances quality of life, and increases heritage tourism; and,


WHEREAS, in 2018 alone, 29 participating Kentucky Main Street communities cumulatively reported \$91,191,866 of investment in downtown commercial districts (\$73,720,221 of private investment matched by \$17,471,684 in public improvements), 1,078 new jobs in Main Street districts, 130 new businesses created, 375,546 volunteer hours invested, and 125 rehabilitation projects completed; and,

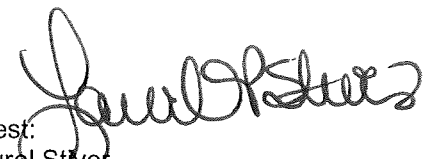
WHEREAS, since its inception, the Kentucky Main Street Program has generated more than \$4.5 billion in public-private investment throughout the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, *Be it resolved by the Owen County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. The Owen County Fiscal Court does hereby honor the work of the Owen Main Street Program, a program of the Kentucky Main Street Program and its significant economic impact throughout the Commonwealth over nearly four decades.

Section 2. When the Owen County Fiscal Court adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Owen Main Street Program and the Kentucky Main Street Program and participating communities.


Casey Ellis
Owen County Judge Executive


Attest:
Laurel Silver
Owen County Fiscal Court Clerk