

# *Proclamation*

## *Board of Commissioners for Washington County*

### NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

October 2021

**WHEREAS**, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas and other places. Community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people live, work and play; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the full benefits of planning require public officials and community members who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions, elected officials and the many community members who contribute their time and expertise to the improvement of Washington County; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of Washington County, and extend our appreciation for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 5th day of October 2021 the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as "Community Planning Month."

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Chair Kathryn Harrington

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Recording Secretary

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Minute Order