

# TOWN OF DAVIS

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Dr. Andrew N. Blackwood  
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Dear Dr. Blackwood,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Davis, West Virginia Town Council Resolution adopted as of this date. This Resolution underscores desire by the residents of the Town of Davis to retain the CVI (Canaan Valley Institute) facilities and property located in Tucker County, West Virginia, for the use of CVI in conjunction with the existing and planned National Youth Science Foundation programs.

This Resolution is made in light of the benefit expected by the Town of Davis with regard to both job creation and tourism dollars and will, in addition and most importantly, provide increased opportunity for West Virginia students to participate in conveniently located STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs. Educational opportunities such as this will continue to enable West Virginia to move forward as our students prepare for their eventual transition into the national workforce in essential fields of endeavor.

The Town of Davis respectfully requests your support at every appropriate level in the efforts of the National Youth Science Foundation to continue to bring state of the art educational facilities and programs to the students of West Virginia and the Nation, building on the established foundational partnership with CVI.

Sincerely,  
I am  
F. Joe Drenning, Mayor  
For Davis Town Council



Cc: Tucker County Commission  
Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan, Administrator, NOAH  
Secretary Sally Jewell, US Department of the Interior  
Mr. Edward C. Horton, Chief Administrative Officer, NOAH  
Honorable Jay Rockefeller  
Honorable Joe Manchin III  
Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin  
Dr. Michael J. Martirano, State Superintendent of Schools  
Ronald G. Pearson, Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Youth Science  
Dan Ash, US Fish & Wildlife  
Wendi Weber, Regional Dir. NE Region, US Fish and Wildlife

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## A RESOLUTION of the COMMON COUNCIL

DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA

### RELATIVE TO THE USE TO BE MADE OF CANAAN VALLEY INSTITUTE

**WHEREAS**, Davis Town Council having been fully apprised of the sentiment of the citizens of Davis and the adjacent communities of Thomas and Canaan Valley, with respect to the potential uses to be made of facilities constructed by a Federal appropriation to the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration for Canaan Valley Institute, and having been fully advised with respect to the long-standing cooperation between the Canaan Valley Institute and the National Youth Science Foundation, Inc. to motivate students from across the State of West Virginia and the region in the pursuit of science, technology and math subjects so critically needed within West Virginia and the Nation; and

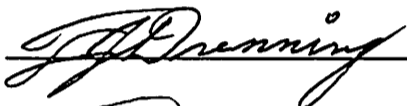
**WHEREAS**, Being advised that the Canaan Valley Institute has determined that the facility they now occupy is larger than they have the current and expected need for and that in addition to utilizing laboratory and education spaces in the CVI building that the National Youth Science Foundation desires the opportunity to seek funding that would allow them to make modifications to the second floor of the building, not now in constant use, as well as add larger dining and sanitary facilities such that the renovated structure could support in-residence science education programming hereby does express the unanimous support of the Town Council for the National Youth Science Foundation, Inc. to occupy in cooperation with Canaan Valley Institute the above said facilities and to petition leadership in State government to recognize the high value of using these facilities as a Science Education Hub for West Virginia; and

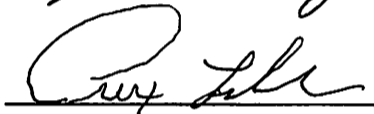
**WHEREAS**, the Council has also considered the possibility of the above CVI facilities being occupied by Fish and Wildlife of the U.S. Department of Interior to relocate offices and a visitation center now in the center of Canaan Valley to the CVI facilities, accessed along Route 93 and understanding the damage this would do to commerce of the Town of Davis, "the gateway to Canaan Valley", and to the Canaan Valley community and the neighboring community of the City of Thomas, hereby stands in unanimous opposition to such use being made of these important facilities that would be much more productively employed as a Science Education Hub under the management of the National Youth Science Foundation which would add important new jobs to the community and bring approximately 3000 new family visits to the area each year. The spin off opportunities could go on for decades, thus breathing new life and sustainability to Tucker County as a whole.


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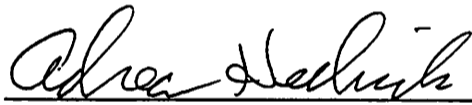
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the TOWN OF DAVIS, finding that this decision of the important use to be made is now pending before two Federal Agencies, the Town Council resolves to make this resolution public and urge all Federal, State and other parties and agencies to support such joint use by CVI and NYSF; and further expresses its thanks to the Tucker County Commission who has recognized this issue to be of major importance to the area and provided a means of expressing community input on the same.

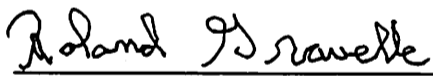
IT IS SO RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council Members who have signed below:

 F. Joe Drenning, Mayor

 Rex Liller, Recorder

 Alan Tomson, Council Member

 Adrea Hedrick, Council Member

 Roland Gravelle, Council Member

READ AND ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014