## RESOLUTION #R-15-2013

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania recently approved Senate Bill 808, and on May 6, 2013, Governor Corbett signed Senate Bill 808 into law as Act 4 of 2013, a statute that amends the County Code to authorize the governing body of any county in Pennsylvania except counties of the first and second class to abolish the office of jury commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland has received information that abolishing the office of jury commissioner in Westmoreland County would result in a cost savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County Commissioners and/or their Chiefs of Staff have met with the District Court Administrator for the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County to discuss the practical ramifications of abolishing the office of jury commissioner and how the jury selection process would be handled if such office were to be abolished; and

WHEREAS, the District Court Administrator reported to the Commissioners and their Chiefs of Staff that the President Judge is satisfied that the Westmoreland County Court Administrator's Office is capable of assuming all responsibilities currently handled by the elected jury commissioners, with no detriment to the jury selection process and no inconvenience to the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland has reviewed the procedures in effect within the County to ensure that lists of potential jurors are a representative cross section of the community, and hereby finds that the procedures in effect within the County of Westmoreland are sufficient to ensure that lists of potential jurors are a representative cross section of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The office of jury commissioner in the County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is hereby abolished, effective upon the earliest date authorized under Act 4 of 2013; and

2. The office of jury commissioner in the County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall expire at the completion of the current jury commissioners' terms of office, as provided by law in Act 4 of 2013.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 9th day of May, 2013.

COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles W. Anderson, Chairman

R. Tyler Courtney, Vice Chairman

Ted Kopas, Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk