

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2022

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING WDNP 102.3 FM AS A LOCAL NONPROFIT COMMUNITY RADIO STATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, WDNP 102.3 FM is considered a valuable community asset as the only nonprofit radio station in our area which assists our citizens by bringing awareness and helping to promote other nonprofits in our region that benefits our community; and

WHEREAS, WDNP, 102.3 FM identifies as its mission the advancement of nonprofits important to our area and has been a tremendous advocate in advancing causes such as blood drives for the American Red Cross, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Humane Society, Challenger Baseball, local school drama programs, pee wee football, Canal Dover Days, New Philadelphia First Town Days, and the Tuscarawas County Fair among many others; and

WHEREAS, WDNP, also serves as an educational tool in our community to assist those wanting to learn about and become involved in radio broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this station would be a tremendous loss to the community because of the invaluable services it performs for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it was recently brought to the attention of the Council of the City of New Philadelphia that the frequency WDNP 102.3 uses could be put up for auction by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) based on overtures by representatives of a radio station south of New Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, such a move would effectively shut WDNP 102.3 out of the running for the frequency they have been using since 2015 because they are solely a nonprofit organization whose employees operate on a completely unpaid volunteer basis and rely solely on area businesses and individuals to act as underwriters for operating the station, and as such could not afford to bid on maintaining the frequency; and

Whereas, such a move by the FCC would effectively mean the end of this valuable asset to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of New Philadelphia opposes any effort by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to allow the call numbers for WDNP 102.3 to be put up for bid at auction as it would lead to the destruction of a valuable nonprofit asset in our community that has been a tremendous advocate in advancing important nonprofit causes in our community such as blood drives for the American Red Cross, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Humane Society, Challenger Baseball, local school drama programs, pee wee football, Canal Dover Days, New Philadelphia First Town Days, and the Tuscarawas County Fair among many others; and because it serves as an educational tool for those seeking to learn more about radio broadcasting.

SECTION 2. A signed copy of this Resolution shall be made available by either delivering a copy directly to WDNP 102.3 station personnel or via email to

DNP102.3@outlook.com for purposes of submission to the FCC for public comment on the matter.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect, and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

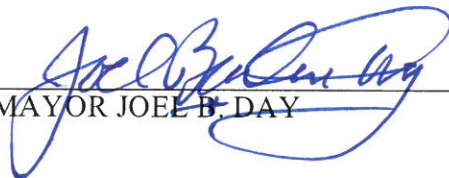
PASSED: Nov 28, 2022


DONALD C. KEMP
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


JULIE COURTRIGHT
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:


MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

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