## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-078**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION CERTIFIED CREATIVE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the 2019-2022 Port Townsend Strategic Plan's first focus area is economic growth and one of the action items under that focus area is support and promotion of two creative districts: The Downtown and Uptown Commercial Historic Districts and Fort Worden in the City of Port Townsend; and

WHEREAS, Port Townsend Main Street Program, an Internal Revenue Service recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization, meets the Washington State Arts Commission Creative District Certification guidelines; and

WHEREAS, creative districts have successfully fostered the economic growth that is desirable in Port Townsend by attracting artists, visitors, and creative entrepreneurs; introducing new energy and innovation; and creating hubs of economic, artistic, social and entrepreneurial activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Townsend Main Street Program has led and will continue to lead and administer the Port Townsend creative districts in conjunction with the City of Port Townsend and other organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend:

The City Council supports and endorses the creation of a Washington State Arts Commission certified Port Townsend Creative Districts in the City limits as led and administered by the Port Townsend Main Street Program.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend at a regular meeting thereof, held this 16th day of September 2019.

Deborah Stinsor Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Attest:

Joanna Sanders, MMC City Clerk