



**Resolution 2021 – ARPA7 – Winter 2021 Business Promotion**

WHEREAS the Town of Bellefonte has received \$111,712.50 from the U.S. Treasury, via the State of Delaware Treasurer’s Office, for the purpose of dispensing such funds under the guidance put forward by the U.S. Treasurer, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as approved by Congress on March 6, 2021, and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and

WHEREAS the expressed intent of ARPA is to 1) Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality; 2) Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. Premium pay couldn’t exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker; 3) Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19; and 4) Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, and

WHEREAS the Town of Bellefonte held Public Hearings on May 10 and July 12, the Town Commission solicited testimony from residents, representatives of non-profit agencies, and business owners. And

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Bellefonte acknowledge the impact of the pandemic on residents who may have experienced financial hardships due to lost employment, reduced work hours, or unexpected medical expenses;

NOW THEREFORE, the Bellefonte Town Commission does hereby approve up to \$5,000 (Tranche #7) of

This campaign is to be administered by the Bellefonte Town Commission through direct and indirect subcontracts with entertainers, food and beverage purveyors, landscapers, etc. for the purpose of stimulating and encouraging shopping in Bellefonte business districts in December and throughout the first Quarter of 2022.

After careful consideration, the Bellefonte Town Commission does hereby approve this resolution, effective November 9, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_Signature copy on file at Town Hall\_\_\_\_\_

Scott MacKenzie, Commission President / Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_11/8/21\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Andrew Ritchie/Date