

***Marion County Chamber of Commerce
Resolution in Support of a New WV State Office
Complex for Downtown Fairmont***

WHEREAS: The West Virginia State Office Complex, located in downtown Fairmont, WV closed in February 2009 for structural problems and;

WHEREAS: The closure of this Complex displaced over 200 employees and;

WHEREAS: The current facility deemed unsafe, still stands and removal of office equipment is still occurring and;

WHEREAS: The State of WV announced that a new facility would be built to replace the former one in downtown Fairmont and;

WHEREAS: Design and suitable locations have been identified and;

WHEREAS: The Marion County Chamber of Commerce has facilitated meetings between the State of WV, Marion County Commission, City of Fairmont, and Marion Regional Development Corporation and;

WHEREAS: The new Gateway Connector, slated to open in the Fall of 2010, will deliver traffic from I-79 directly to downtown Fairmont, and;

WHEREAS: The announcement confirming the location and timeline for speedy construction of the new facility is vital and imperative for the future growth in historic, downtown Fairmont;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Marion County Chamber of Commerce encourages and supports the State of WV to finalize all details so that funding can be secured and construction can begin on a new WV State Office Complex in downtown Fairmont, WV.

Wade Linger, Chairman of Board

Walter "Butch" Osborne
Chair, Governmental Relations

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