

**Township of West Bradford
Resolution 22-05**

**A Resolution Honoring Humphry Marshall
and Dedicating 2022 as the “Year of Humphry Marshall”**

Whereas, Humphry Marshall was born on October 10, 1722 on a farm known as Derbydown which would become West Bradford Township; and

Whereas, through independent studies, exploration and the Quaker Ideal he rose to world acclaim in pursuits such as a stone mason, bridge builder, miller, farmer, local government, astronomy, botany and horticulture; and

Whereas, in 1773 he began designing and constructing his stone manor home in Marshallton with several unique features such as a second floor astronomical observatory, drying room for his plants and his own botanical garden and arboretum which was second in America only to his cousins at Bartram’s Gardens; and

Whereas, in 1785, he published his Magnus Opus, “Arbustum Americanum: The American Grove,” which was an alphabetical catalog of American trees and shrubs, the first in the Western Hemisphere; and

Whereas, he advocated to Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin the need for a Western Expedition, 18 years before Lewis and Clark; and

Whereas, for his work in Agriculture, he was elected as a member of the Philadelphia Society for promoting Agriculture. He advocated for reforestation to prevent runoff and erosion, while trees were considered a menace to development; and

Whereas, as a philanthropist he helped found the Westtown Boarding School for youths and played a role in the planning of the County Alms House to accommodate the poor and sick here in West Bradford.

Whereas, in recognition for his work, he was elected to the American Philosophical Society, signed by his colleague Benjamin Franklin; and

Now, therefore, be it and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Bradford that in recognition of Humphry Marshall’s long and prosperous life spanning his birth as an English colonist through the War for Independence and into the cusp of the Industrial Revolution, his achievements which made an indelible mark on the American landscape and the predecessors he influenced, we hereby declare 2022, the year of his 300th birthday, as the “Year of Humphry Marshall”.

Resolved this 12th day of April 2022

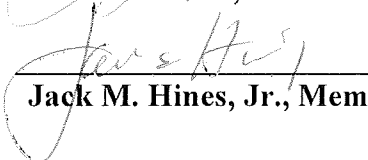
Attest:


Justin V. Yaich, Secretary

**Township of West Bradford
Board of Supervisors:**


Kevin Houghton, Chairman


Laurie W. Abele, Vice Chairman


Jack M. Hines, Jr., Member