**Proclamation**

**by *(Insert Government Rep. Title here such as Mayor, County Commission, etc.)***

**Whereas,** citizens, communities, institutions, and organizations of ***(insert city, town, or county name here)*** in West Virginia have historically benefited from the ongoing generosity of private, corporate, family, and community foundations; and,

**Whereas,** for more than ***(insert the number of years your Community Foundation has existed)*** years the ***(insert the name of your community foundation here)*** has made it possible for ***(insert name of your county, city, or town here)*** citizens, businesses, and organizations to create permanent philanthropic resources for the current and future needs of our communities from basic human needs to creating innovative solutions that transform our towns, cities and counties;

**Whereas**, ***(insert the name of your community foundation here)*** provides the democratic opportunity for individuals from all walks of life to be philanthropists in small, medium, and large ways with over 30 community foundations, affiliates, and area funds around the Mountain State serving fifty two of our state’s fifty five counties; and,

**Whereas,** one of the greatest ways to ensure a strong community, economic vitality, educational success, and effective community leadership is through the active presence of a community foundation that allows for local community-based endowments; and,

**Whereas,** together we can build a stronger ***(insert town/city/county name here)*** and West Virginia and improve the future by creating community legacies to benefit all of West Virginia; and,

**Whereas**, ***(insert name of your community foundation here)*** provides beneficial grants to our community, supports critical community causes and efforts, strengthens the nonprofits in our region, and makes our community stronger; and,

**Whereas,** it is critical to set aside a time to recognize the value and impact of ***(insert the name of your community foundations here)*** on a state, regional, and local level for the investment, partnership, and leadership they create across many of West Virginia’s communities;

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, ***(insert name of government official), (insert the title of the government official or body)*** do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2017, as:

**Community Foundations Week**

In ***(insert your county, city, or town name here)*** and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the impact that community foundations, their volunteers, and donors have statewide.