



## Proclamation

### **COUNCIL FOR WEST VIRGINIA ARCHAEOLOGY ADOPTS REGISTER OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDARDS OF RESEARCH PERFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, the Council for West Virginia Archaeology, hereafter referred to as the CWVA, recognizes its stewardship responsibilities to the archaeological resources of the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the CWVA acknowledges that archaeological sources of information are non-renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, the CWVA embraces a definition of archaeological resources that encompasses both the archaeological sources of information, and the archaeological practitioners operating within the State's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the CWVA advocates that any planned, controlled, consumptive uses of West Virginia's archaeological resources should be guided by a research design that is appropriate for the archaeological and physical contexts being investigated, results in a written report on all activities and findings, and provides for the long-term curation of any archaeological resources permanently separated from their archaeological contexts.

THEREFORE, we, the CWVA, do hereby proclaim our adoption of the Register of Professional Archaeologists' Code of Conduct and Standards of Research Performance, and indicate our intent to hold our active members accountable to those professional standards of conduct and research, whether or not the individual member is himself or herself a Registered Professional Archaeologist/Registered Archaeologist. To all parties concerned, let it be known that the CWVA has formally adopted this Code of Conduct and these Standards of Research Performance, with the assent of the Board of Directors and the General Membership, affirmed by vote, on 26 October 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED, on this 4th day of November 2020.

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