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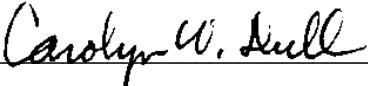
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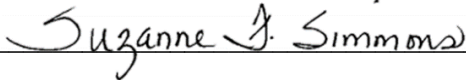
The Story of the Charm Cast on the Queen City by Ms. Sarah Lynch

- WHEREAS,** in the year of our Lord 1998, a damsel and food merchant named Ms. Sarah Lynch setteth out at the budding age of 23 on a journey back to her homeland of Staunton, Virginia. She speaketh to her business companion in the metropolis of Richmond, Virginia, and saith: “It is time that I arise and go to the Queen City village to bring the delightsome fare of Baja Bean Company to my home. Be it well between thou and me.”
- WHEREAS,** and so, without fear, she departeth to attain her dream of a Mexican canteen and tavern in the center of the Queen City village, at a time when the district was wanting in charm and vibrancy.
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Lynch saith to her neighbors: “Let us build an open-hearted and spirited community, for I shall seek to fill this place with lads and maidens from all corners of the land.” She performeth all that she setteth out to do, with gentlemen and ladies, lads and maidens bonding over ale and south-of-the-border fare in California fashion. With her passion set afire and success withersoever she went, Ms. Lynch so determineth that her work is not yet done.
- WHEREAS,** with her compassionate and giving heart, she went about another mission, and saith, “I shall work with all my might to make my village a place of adventure and merriment, liveliness and magic.”
- WHEREAS,** true to her promise, Ms. Lynch embarketh on a new journey in the year of our Lord 2005 and presenteth two free concerts in the village’s Main Street and calleth them Staunton Jams. And so she bestoweth occasions for minstrels of the Queen City village to share melodious talents whilst families dance and leap in the now lively streets of the Queen City village.
- WHEREAS,** her work not yet complete, Ms. Lynch joineth her homeland’s Tourism Advisory Board and maketh her village a more prosperous destination. By and by, she blazeth a trail for new merchants of the Queen City village and leadeth them as an honorable advocate, confidant and inspiration.
- WHEREAS,** she soon inventeth a grand event to bring new people to the Queen City. Accompanied by her friends and neighbors she announceth: “Surely, it will be lovely to bring people from near and far to see our charming village and revel together in the magic of Harry Potter.”
- WHEREAS,** and so, in the year of our Lord 2016, she launcheth the village’s inaugural Queen City Mischief and Magic festival, and inspireth village leaders and merchants to convert the village center into the enchanting, storybook Hogsmeade Village. She attracteth some 5,000 Potter fans from near and far, so much so that the village constables closeth the Main Street for the multitudes.
- WHEREAS,** a new year arriveth, and word of the festival spreadeth so far that Ms. Lynch draweth at least 10,000 passionate Potter enthusiasts into a mythical setting rarely before seen in the history of the Queen City village.
- WHEREAS,** true to her mission, Ms. Lynch continueth to introduce thousands of gentlemen and ladies, lads and maidens to the village she so loveth.

Now, therefore, I, Carolyn W. Dull, Mayor of the Queen City village, formally known as the City of Staunton, Virginia, with the accompaniment of my fellow members of Staunton City Council and the City’s personnel, bestoweth upon Ms. Sarah Lynch the highest honor and the key to the City of Staunton for her work and contributions as an integral part of the soul of the Queen City. The City of Staunton extendeth to thee its deepest gratitude for introducing new comrades and Potter fans from near and far to our dear home and acknowledgeth thee for representing the City as a loyal ambassador with pride and joyfulness.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2018.


CAROLYN W. DULL, MAYOR

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