



**TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT, MARYLAND, TO ADOPT THE STRIPED BASS (*Morone saxatilis*) AND THE AMERICAN EEL (*Anguilla rostrata*) AS THE OFFICIAL TOWN FISH.

WHEREAS, the Town of Port Deposit is a historic waterfront community located along the Susquehanna River, and the river and its natural resources are central to the Town's heritage, identity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Striped Bass and American Eel represent the enduring natural heritage of Port Deposit and symbolize the Town's commitment to the stewardship of waterways, habitat conservation, and the celebration of native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Striped Bass is an anadromous species that migrates from the Chesapeake Bay into the Susquehanna River to spawn and it is an iconic fish of the watershed widely recognized for its ecological importance, its role in local recreational fishing, and its connection to Port Deposit's and Maryland's maritime identity; and

WHEREAS, the American Eel is a catadromous species that lives primarily in freshwater and returns to the ocean to spawn, reflecting the broader migratory ecology of the Susquehanna River and local streams, and whose presence reflects the health, connectivity, and resilience of local waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to formally adopt the Striped Bass and American Eel as the Official Town Fish, further reinforcing the Town's commitment to conservation, education, community identity, and stewardship of the Susquehanna River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Port Deposit, Maryland, hereby designate the Striped Bass and American Eel as the Official Fish of the

Town of Port Deposit fostering civic pride that strengthens community identity, and supports educational efforts related to Port Deposit's river ecology and environmental stewardship; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town staff are authorized to incorporate the Official Town Fish designation into appropriate Town communications, educational materials, signage, programming, and community events.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Port Deposit, Maryland at a regular Town Council meeting and effective on this 6th day of January, 2026.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the TOWN of PORT DEPOSIT, MARYLAND



Wayne Tome, Jr., Mayor



Kevin Brown, Deputy Mayor



Daniel Berlin, Council



Thomas Knight, Council

ATTEST:



Randa Thiele

Randa Thiele, Council