

**HONESDALE BOROUGH  
WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING BOROUGH SON  
RICHARD B. “DICK” SMITH AND DESIGNATING AND DEDICATING THE  
IRVING CLIFF STAR IN HIS HONOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Honesdale (hereinafter Borough) is currently the deeded owner of what is commonly known as Irving Cliff; and,

**WHEREAS**, the famous cliff towering above the Borough was named for Washington Irving upon his visit to the Borough with the Borough’s name-sake Philip Hone; and,

**WHEREAS**, for more than two centuries the cliff has served as a land-mark of the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, for more than a half-century the cliff has been adorned with a star, and that star has played prominently in the history, prominence, fame and attraction of the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, during much of the time the star loomed from the cliff, it was lighted seasonally in ceremonies from Central Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, as history would have it, Central Park had served as part of the creative palate and ingenuity of Richard B. “Dick” Smith when he drafted the lyrics of the song “*Winter Wonderland*”; and,

**WHEREAS**, “Dick” Smith was born in Honesdale in 1901 and lived across from Central Park, before suffering an untimely death in 1934; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is said that his lyrics emanated from his recollection of winter frolic and delight in Central Park he observed from his adjacent home; and,

**WHEREAS**, “Dick” Smith’s *Winter Wonderland* became an instant sensation; and,

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately “Dick” Smith would never realize the delight he would bring to the world with his classic *Winter Wonderland*; and,

**WHEREAS**, for years “Dick” Smith’s magical winter song has been linked to the infamous star on the cliff; and,

**WHEREAS**, the legend and lore of “Dick” Smith and his celebrated song deserve a formal commemoration; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and fitting for the Borough Council to enact an Ordinance recognizing the achievement and world-wide acclaim of their local son; and,

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance thereof, it is also appropriate for the Borough to dedicate the Irving Cliff Star as the Richard B. “Dick” Smith Winter Wonderland Star.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, and the same is enacted and ordained, by the Borough Council of Honesdale Borough, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Irving Cliff Star is hereby formally designated and entitled as the Richard B. “Dick” Smith Winter Wonderland Star.
2. The Winter Wonderland Star shall be annually lighted on or about the Thanksgiving Holiday and lighted through the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday, and any and all other times as may be appropriate.
3. A plaque shall be erected atop Irving Cliff commemorating Richard B. “Dick” Smith’s accomplishments and the designation of the Winter Wonderland Star.
4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption thereof.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** into law by the Borough Council of Honesdale Borough, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

ATTEST:

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Michael Augello, Council President

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Secretary