



# Town of New Paltz

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Scott Keller  
Acting Executive Director  
Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area  
625 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. Keller,

As Co-Applicant of Historic Huguenot Street's 2018 Heritage Development Grant Program application, I write to you to express my support of Stone House Day the Town of New Paltz 340<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

In past years, Historic Huguenot Street's Stone House Day was extremely popular with the community. It is a day to come together to learn about and celebrate the town's—and region's—culturally diverse history. It attracts many people from all across the region and promotes New Paltz as a tourist destination and stimulates our local economy.

As Town Supervisor, I realize the true value of holding events like Stone House Day. They promote economic vitality but also provide much needed cultural opportunities for our residents, which are both always at the forefront of my ambitions.

Historic Huguenot Street is a vital part of this community. It draws visitors, provides jobs, and protects our heritage. They spend countless hours and funds preserving documents, artifacts, and what is the most significant concentration of 17<sup>th</sup>-and 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone houses in America— items that truly belong to and benefit New Paltz, New York State, and America.

For these reasons, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for this event.

Sincerely,

Neil Bettez  
Town Supervisor