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**BALLARD FISCAL COURT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION "ALL-AMERICAN ROAD" DESIGNATION
FOR KENTUCKY'S GREAT RIVER ROAD**

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WHEREAS, on September 22, 2019 President Donald J. Trump signed this act into law (Public Law 116-57); and

WHEREAS, the law temporarily re-opens the federal Scenic Byway Program to accept nominations for roads to be designated as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads; and

WHEREAS, based on its archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic intrinsic qualities, Kentucky's Great River Road was designated as a national scenic byway on October 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Great River Road corridor's historic and cultural qualities are of national significance and should be preserved, protected, promoted and celebrated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BALLARD County Fiscal Court hereby supports the designation of the Great River Road as an All-American Road within the National Scenic Byways Program.

TODD COOPER

Todd Cooper

BALLARD COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

Katie Mercer KATIE MERCER

BALLARD COUNTY COURT CLERK

**CARLISLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlisle County Fiscal Court hereby supports the designation of the Great River Road as an All-American Road within the National Scenic Byways Program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Terry", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Terry

Carlisle County Judge/Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02

**FULTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
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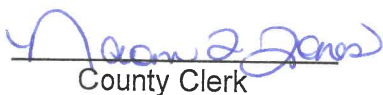
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County, Kentucky Fiscal Court hereby supports the designation of the Great River Road as an All-American Road within the National Scenic Byways Program. Done at a regular meeting of the Fiscal County on March 16, 2020.


County Judge/Executive


County Clerk

March 17, 2020
Date

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF HICKMAN
RESOLUTION 2020-07

HICKMAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hickman County Fiscal Court hereby supports the designation of the Great River Road as an All-American Road within the National Scenic Byways Program.

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hickman County Fiscal Court held on March 16, 2020, a quorum present and voting.

SO RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED this 16 day of March, 2020.


Kenny Wilson
Hickman County Judge Executive

Attest:


James Berry
Hickman County Clerk

JAMES COMER

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March 13, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing regarding the application submitted by the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Kentucky to designate the Great River Road as an All-American Road in the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP). The corridor was previously designated as a National Scenic Byway on October 16, 2009.

As the Representative for Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman Counties in Kentucky that adjoin the Mississippi River, I certainly recognize the cultural and geographic significance of this region. At the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, these counties boast a unique heritage which is apparent to all local citizens and travelers along the Great River Road. I am confident this designation would promote tourism, bolster community pride, and further economic development along the route.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request. Please contact my Legislative Assistant and Grants Coordinator, Sarah Coffman, via email (sarah.coffman@mail.house.gov) if I may be of additional support throughout this process.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Member of Congress

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March 27, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Mississippi River Country – the 10 state tourism commissioners and directors along the Mississippi River – to support the Great River Road National Scenic Byway's designation as an All-American Road.

The Great River Road is an American treasure. It travels more than 3,000 miles, tracing the path of the Mississippi, America's greatest river. It takes travelers into the heart of America, passing through 10 states—Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Marked by its distinctive pilot wheel signs, the National Scenic Byway leads travelers into a confluence of food, music, history, culture and industry.

The route was first established more than 80 years ago, chosen for its natural beauty, cultural and historical significance and important recreational assets. Today it continues to provide travelers rich American experiences—visitors get to hear the blues music where blues music was born, walk historic Civil War battlefields, and discover the remains of Native American empires. They pass the homes of American icons like Charles Lindbergh and Mark Twain, and they see swans, cranes and countless other birds complete their own journey on the Mississippi Flyway, a migratory route that provides some of the best birdwatching in the world.

The Great River Road provides travelers so many uniquely American experiences. As an organization that markets the 10-state region internationally, we understand the appeal of the Mississippi River—especially to visitors who have traveled to the U.S. before but only visited coastal destinations New York, Los Angeles or Orlando. The Great River Road is the perfect destination for these return travelers looking for a for a trip that takes them deeper into the American experience. The All-American Road designation would be a boon to our marketing efforts, signifying to our international visitors that the byway offers an authentic and rewarding all-American experience that's worthy of the journey.

We're excited that the byway is under consideration for this important designation, and we're pleased to endorse the effort to have the Great River Road designated as an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration.

Sincerely,



Craig Ray
Chairman, Mississippi River Country
Director, Visit Mississippi

Mississippi River Country represents Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.



Alsbach / Germany, the 23rd of March 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Mississippi River is an icon for Germans, Austrians and people from Switzerland. Just mentioning the name means that everyone has some images in mind immediately. The river is of similar significance such as Route 66, the Florida Keys or the canyons in the Southwest. Exploring the Mississippi area means a trigger and a reason to travel abroad. Visiting the banks of the Mississippi means an all-American experience, which gains its beauty from the authenticity. Small towns, open-hearted people, wide nature and uncountable places, which Europeans consider being the real America: All that together is a guarantee for unique and unforgettable travel experiences.

I personally feel it is about time that the Mississippi River receives a broader attention in the public by stronger promotion efforts. It is a true gem and a perfect destination not only for the experienced traveler to the U.S.



Ralph Steffen
Owner and Managing Director