

Resolution to Support the Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Project

- WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide natural, scenic, and recreational value to citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are vital assets to our county, providing opportunities for economic development; and
- WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are good for the public health of our citizens, offering places close to home for physical exercise, for mental relaxation, and for family recreation; and
- WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide good transportation routes, offering clean and safe alternatives to motor transportation; and
- WHEREAS, the remnants of the Pennsylvania, the electric interurban, and the Vandalia railroad corridors form a natural and historic connection between the communities that they served; and
- WHEREAS, the rich history of the National Road as one of the earliest thoroughfares to western settlement should be preserved and presented for future generations; and
- WHEREAS, the experiences of the historic National Road and former railroad corridors are ideally suited for the intimate pace of recreational tourism;
- WHEREAS, Trails and greenways are good for the environment by providing ribbons of green for wildlife and vegetation, and by filtering run-off before it enters waterways; and
- WHEREAS, Trails and greenways provide a means to share utility, transportation, recreation, and communication facilities, while also providing a way to increase county revenues by leasing facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, The _____ (name of group) supports the effort to create the National Road Heritage Trail, a continuous, multi-use trail for non-motorized travel along or connected to the corridors of the former Pennsylvania railroad, former electric interurban railroad, former Vandalia railroad, and/or US40 through Vigo, Clay, Putnam, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Henry, and Wayne Counties and calls upon all good citizens, civic groups, and elected officials to also join and support this effort.

Signed: (officer) _____

Office: _____ Date: _____