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RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN APPLICATION TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY AS A  
STATE HERITAGE BYWAY

WHEREAS, the Iowa Byways program was established to identify, protect and enhance roadways in Iowa which exemplify the state's scenic and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, this effort is carried out through volunteer work and cooperation between interested citizens, organizations, local governments, and the Iowa Department of Transportation ("IDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the IDOT is empowered to accept and review applications requesting the designation of new scenic, heritage, and scenic & heritage byways; and

WHEREAS, an application has been prepared to designate the historic Jefferson Highway as a state heritage byway and will be submitted to IDOT on behalf of Decatur County, the sponsoring governmental entity; and

WHEREAS, upon designation as a state heritage byway, local jurisdictions along the route are responsible for funding tourism and promotional plans and activities, and no federal or state funding is inherent with such designation; and

WHEREAS, upon designation IDOT will lead an effort to place Iowa Byways signs specific to the historic Jefferson Highway along the byway route and will provide initial costs for development and installation of said signs and provide replacement signs; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Department of Transportation will be responsible for work needed on state routes to properly repair or reinstall such signs once initially installed; and

WHEREAS, local city and county jurisdictions along the byway will be responsible for work needed in their jurisdiction to properly repair or reinstall such signs once initially installed; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation will enforce certain restrictions of off-premise signs along portions of the byway which follow interstate or primary highways in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 761 - 117.3(1) ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines will be responsible for enforcement of the sign regulations under the City Zoning Ordinance for City streets under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, Iowa, desires to endorse the designation of the historic Jefferson Highway as a state heritage byway.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. The City endorses the application requesting designation of the historic Jefferson Highway along the route set forth below, as a state heritage byway and accepts the responsibilities and expectations of such designation as described above.

Designated Route:

Entering the City of Des Moines from the north on U.S. Highway 69 and continuing south on NE 14th Street to E. Washington Avenue; then west on E. Washington Avenue to E. 12th Street; then south on E. 12th Street to E. Grand Avenue; then west on E. Grand Avenue to E. 6th Street; then south on E. 6th Street to Indianola Avenue; then south on Indianola Avenue past Bloomfield Road to the intersection with U.S. Highway 69; then south on U.S. Highway 69 to the intersection with U.S. Highways 5 and 65; then continuing south and exiting the City of Des Moines on U.S. Highway 65/69.

- 2. In the event the Jefferson Highway is designated as a state heritage byway by the Iowa Department of Transportation, the City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to work with the IDOT to coordinate the placement and maintenance of the Iowa Byways signs.

( Council Communication No. 15-593 )

MOVED by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown, Assistant City Attorney
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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Y. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk