

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS TO DESIGNATE U.S. BIKE ROUTE 1 CROSSING THROUGH COASTAL GEORGIA AND THE CITY OF SAVANNAH; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, presently contributing approximately \$47 billion dollars a year nationally to the economies of communities that provide facilities for and infrastructure supporting said tourism; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (“AASHTO”) has designated a corridor crossing coastal Georgia to be developed as United States Bike Route (“USBR”) 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah together with the Georgia Department of Transportation and other stakeholders have proposed a specific route to be designated as USBR 1, a map which is attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route for USBR 1 traverses certain territory encompassed within the corporate limits of the City of Savannah and is expected to provide a benefit to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah have duly considered said proposed route and determined it to be a suitable route through the City of Savannah and desire the route be formally designated so that it can be appropriately mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in the greater Chatham County community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 1, and requests that the appropriate government officials take action to officially designate the route accordingly as soon as practicable.

Approved, this 28th day of March, 2019.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council