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Item 04
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Timothy Huey
Director

To: Dee F Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: January 7, 2014

Re: Request for approval of resolution in support of "National Discovery Trail Act"

Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the QCCVB has requested the Quad City Area local government jurisdictions approve resolutions in support of pending Federal legislation a National Discovery Trail System. His request is below:

Hello, all! Thank you for your ongoing support of the American Discovery Trail.

I am asking for a resolution in support of HR 3022, a bill introduced in Congress which would establish a category of national discovery trails within the National Trails System and would name ADT as the first national discovery trail to be included in the National Trails System. Congressman Dave Loebsack (D) of Iowa's Second District has signed on as a co-sponsor.

There is no financial commitment associated with this resolution; this is a statement by the Quad Cities community that we support action by Congress on this issue.

The resolution would be welcome anytime but it would be particularly valuable if the resolution can be adopted prior to the Quad Cities Chamber annual legislative trip to Washington, DC March 4-7 where resolutions of support and a briefing paper on the issue can be personally distributed to Senators, Congressmen and their staffs..

The boards of directors of the Quad Cities CVB and Quad Cities Bicycle Club have adopted the resolution and it is on the agendas of the Rock Island City Council Jan. 13, Rock Island County Board and Bettendorf City Council Jan. 21.

Please contact me if you have additional questions and please let me know when the resolution maybe considered as I will attend that meeting if I can.

Thank you.
Joe Taylor
Quad Cities CVB

I have attached a draft resolution for the Board's consideration.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____.
DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 16, 2014

APPROVAL OF THE SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAIL SYSTEM.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1.

Whereas, Scott County, Iowa supports the completion of the 6,800 mile transcontinental trail from California to Delaware known as the American Discovery Trail, and

Whereas, the American Discovery Trail runs through the Quad Cities and intersects with the Mississippi River Trail here and would benefit tourism, and

Whereas, HR 3022, the National Discovery Trail Act of 2013, would add the category of Discovery Trails to the National Trails System and would recognize the existing American Discovery Trail as the first in this category,

Therefore, Scott County hereby requests that our U.S. Senators and Representatives in Iowa and Illinois support this legislation and urge its passage as soon as possible.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.