

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROVE
THE ETOWAH RIVER WATER TRAIL

WHEREAS the Etowah River flows across Cherokee County from the northwest to the southeast;

WHEREAS the citizens of Cherokee County value this outstanding natural resource, its clean and abundant water, the outdoor recreational opportunities afforded by the River and protection of riverside habitat and protected watersheds;

WHEREAS the citizens of Cherokee County approved a parks bond referendum, indicating their interest in and support of recreation, parks, and greenspace;

WHEREAS the citizens of Cherokee County and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States have for more than twenty (20) years regularly and openly enjoyed and exercised a right of passage by boat on the Etowah River as it travels through Cherokee County, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the River;

WHEREAS the Etowah River Water Trail is consistent with the goals and recommendations of the Cherokee County Land Conservation Steering Committee;

WHEREAS the recent completion of the Canton Boat Launch along with other official and unofficial launch sites in the County afford citizens access to the River, with many more sites in the planning stage;

WHEREAS the citizens of Lumpkin, Dawson, Forsyth, Cherokee, Bartow, and Floyd Counties all share in this valuable resource and have provided for River access;

WHEREAS numerous governmental and non-governmental organizations have worked throughout the years to protect and promote the Etowah River;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Georgia, that the public easement of passage established by more than twenty (20) years of regular and open travel by boat on the Etowah River in Cherokee County is hereby recognized and accepted by the Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of Cherokee County, and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States;

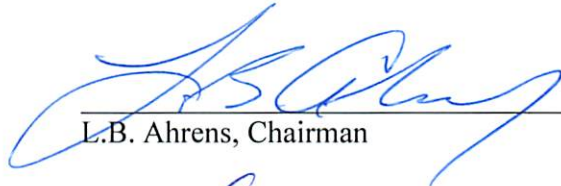
FURTHER that

- 1) The concept of the Etowah River Water Trail as outlined by the website www.etowahwatertrail.org is approved and hereby incorporated by reference;
- 2) This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption;

- 3) We direct each department of County government to work individually, together, and with other governments and organizations to implement this Etowah River Water Trail.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THIS 8th OF January, 2013.

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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Attest:


Christy Black, County Clerk
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners