

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IN SUPPORT OF THE OCMULGEE RIVER BLUEWAY**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bibb County value the natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities afforded by the Ocmulgee River; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bibb County value the Ocmulgee River for water quality and habitat protection; and

WHEREAS, Bibb County has previously supported activities that promote recreation on the river; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bibb County will greatly benefit from the recreational and natural experiences provided by the Ocmulgee River Blueway initiative developed and implemented by Bleckley, Houston, Pulaski and Twiggs Counties; and

WHEREAS, providing access to the river is also a desired goal of Bibb County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bibb 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 Ocmulgee River as it travels through Bibb County, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

WHEREAS, the Ocmulgee River Blueway initiative is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of Bibb County for recreational facilities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Ocmulgee River Blueway compliments and enhances existing river facilities and resources such as the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, Amerson Waterworks Park, the Ocmulgee National Monument and Bond Swamp; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of the Ocmulgee River Blueway, to begin in Bibb County and end at the confluence with the Altamaha River, to be of added value and benefit to the citizens of Bibb County and its neighboring counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bibb County Board of Commissioners that Bibb County affirms and supports the Ocmulgee River Blueway initiative and the inclusion of Bibb County in the expansion of the Blueway.

RESOLVED THIS 3rd day of April, 2012.

By: 
Samuel F. Hart Sr., Chairman

Attest: 
Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Board