

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OCMULGEE RIVER BLUEWAY  
STUDY FOR THE COUNTY OF PULASKI, GEORGIA

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a blueway will offer the citizens of the County, State of Georgia and United States beneficial recreational and natural experiences; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pulaski 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 Pulaski, Twiggs, Bleckley and Houston Counties, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski County has participated with Twiggs, Bleckley and Houston Counties to study and evaluate this four county blueway; and

WHEREAS, this blueway is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of Pulaski County for recreational facilities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously funded portions of the Mile Branch Park improvements project and the Riverfront Project that were parts of the feasibility study for the blueway; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pulaski County have indicated their support for the blueway and Riverfront Trail projects at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski County affirms and supports the blueway, beginning in Twiggs County at Bullard Landing and ending at Sandy Hammock in Pulaski County, to be of value and benefit to the citizens of Pulaski and its neighboring counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sole Commissioner of Pulaski County, Georgia that the public easement of passage established by twenty (20) or more years of regular and open travel by boat on the Ocmulgee River in Pulaski County is hereby accepted by the Sole Commissioner of Pulaski County on behalf of the citizens of Pulaski County and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States; and

Section 1: That the *Evaluation for the Ocmulgee River Blueway*, a copy of which is hereto attached and by reference made part hereof, is approved in its entirety.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption; and

Section 3: That we hereby direct each department in the County to work together and separately to implement this plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF PULASKI COUNTY, GEORGIA, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

By: *C. Brooks Bailey*  
C. Brooks Bailey  
Sole Commissioner, Pulaski County, Georgia

Attest: *Vickie Vaughn*  
Vickie Vaughn, County Clerk