

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN OCMULGEE RIVER BLUEWAY
PARTNERSHIP AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
OCMULGEE RIVER BLUEWAY
FOR THE COUNTY OF DODGE, GA

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dodge County value its 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, the citizens of the County will greatly benefit from the recreational and natural experiences provided by the river and a designated blueway; and

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dodge 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 Dodge County, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

WHEREAS, Dodge County desires to participate and partnership with other counties along the Ocmulgee River to establish a blueway, further recreational uses, and coordinate economic development and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this Ocmulgee River Blueway is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of Dodge County for recreational facilities for its citizens and appropriate, sound economic development uses of the river; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously supported activities that promote recreational and other uses on and along the river; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dodge County have indicated their support for a blueway partnership with other counties along the Ocmulgee River; and

WHEREAS, Dodge County affirms and supports an Ocmulgee River Blueway Partnership and the establishment of a blueway, beginning in Macon and ending at the confluence with the Altamaha River, to be of value and benefit to the citizens of Dodge County and its neighboring counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County, Georgia that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA, this 20th day of April 2012.

By:

Bobby Powell, County Mgr

Attest:

Sickie Dooh