

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-52**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TO SUPPORT THE SATILLA RIVER WATER TRAIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Waycross value their natural resources and the outdoor recreational opportunities afforded by the Satilla River; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Waycross value the Satilla River for its water quality and habitat protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Waycross will greatly benefit from the recreational and natural experiences provided by the Satilla River Water Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, providing access to the Satilla River is a desired goal of the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Waycross, and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States have regularly and openly enjoyed and exercised a right of passage by boat on the Satilla River as it travels through the City of Waycross, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has participated with Ware County, Pierce County, Brantley County, Charlton County and Camden County to study and evaluate this river trail; and

**WHEREAS**, this water trail is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of the City of Waycross for recreational facilities for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has previously supported activities that promote recreation on the river, including one of the first bandalong litter traps on the Tebeau Creek in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Waycross have indicated their support for the water trail at Satilla River Water Trail and/or Satilla Riverkeeper meetings and events; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross affirms and supports the water trail, beginning in Ware County and ending at Camden County, to be of value and benefit to the citizens of the City of Waycross and its neighboring counties.

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been properly considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that:

**Section 1.** That the public easement of passage established by the annexation of property on the Satilla River on March 17, 1981, and which property is owned by the City of Waycross, of regular and open travel by boat on the Satilla River in the City of Waycross is hereby recognized and accepted by the City Commissioners and Mayor on behalf of the citizens of the City of Waycross, and visitors throughout the State of Georgia and the United States.

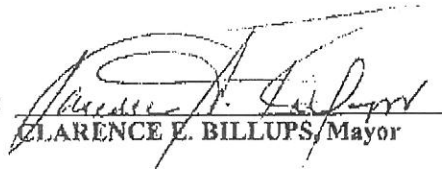
**Section 2.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Section 3.** That the City Commission hereby directs each department in the City of Waycross to support and do everything in its power to implement the water trail.

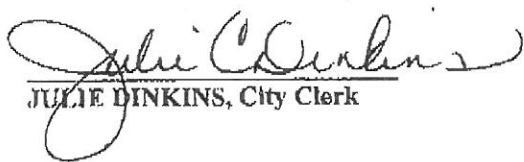
SO RESOLVED, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

  
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk