

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF LUTHER IN SUPPORT OF THE DESIGNATION OF ROUTE 66 AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, Route 66 was our nation's first all-paved U.S. Highway System connecting the Midwest to California. In the 1930s, it was the "road to opportunity" for hundreds of thousands of Americans escaping the devastation of the Dust Bowl, and provided thousands of jobs on road crews for workers who were unemployed during the Great Depression; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout World War II, critical troops, equipment and supplies were transported on Route 66 to military bases across the country. After the war ended thousands of troops traveled Route 66 back home to their families and independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Route 66 has become an iconic symbol of American's search for freedom, adventure, and prosperity which annually brings travelers from around the world who use it to discover America; and

**WHEREAS**, a *Special Resources Study* completed by the National Park Service has determined that Route 66 meets all the criteria for federal designation as a National Historic Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Route 66 as a permanent National Historic Trail could have a significant economic impact along the route and help spur preservation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Route 66 would be the first National Historic Trail to celebrate motorized travel and America's love affair with the automobile; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to its historic significance, Route 66 has proven itself an economic force for Luther and designation as a National Historic Trail will help to increase the economic impact of Route 66 in Luther.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of Luther, Oklahoma:**

I, Jenni White, Mayor of the Town of Luther, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Town of Luther Board of Trustees do hereby endorse and support the designation of Route 66 as a National Historic Trail.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 11 day of September, 2018.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
Town Clerk

