

**Resolution opposing Chisholm National Historic Trail and
Western National Historic Trail Designation**

Resolution #23-07

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Whereas, Congress has designated National Historic Trails which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated designations;

Whereas, the establishment of a 109-county National Historic Trail Designation would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate the surrounding view (referred to as viewshed) of National Historical Trail Designations, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Historic Trail Designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.


Whereas, the establishment a National Historic Trail Designation directs the Secretary of the Interior to identify and inventory sites and segments along the 2,728 miles of private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Historic Trail Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of County Commissioners of Russell County, Kansas opposes the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

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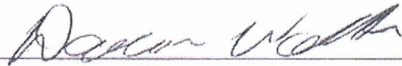
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS



Duke Strobel, Chairman

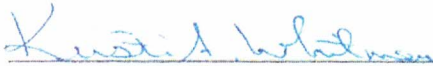


Steve Reinhardt, Member



Daron Woelk, Member

ATTEST:



Kristi Whitman
County Clerk



Resolution No. 907

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHISHOLM NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL AND WESTERN NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL DESIGNATION

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Coffey County Commissioners opposes the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

This Resolution shall be effective from and after its passage by the Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas.

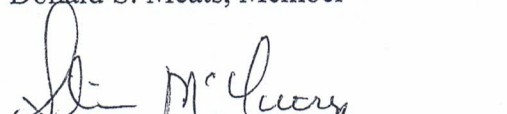
DATED THIS 26TH OF JUNE, 2023.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS


Jesse Knight, Chairman


Tom Huginn, Vice-Chairman


Donald S. Meats, Member


Steve McCurry, Member

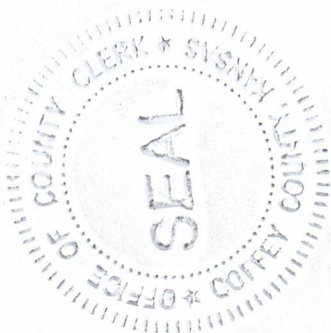

Wayne Thomsen, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angie Kirchner, County Clerk

Wade H. Bowie, II, County Attorney



RESOLUTION 23-53

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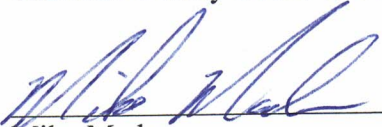
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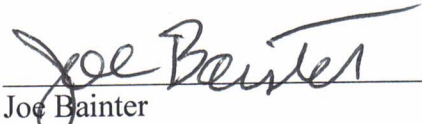
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners oppose the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned and do not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

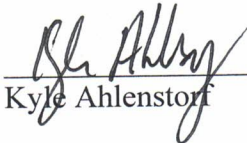
This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Sheridan County Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2023.

Sheridan County Board of County Commissioners


Mike Mader


Joe Bainter


Kyle Ahlenstorf

ATTEST: 
Heather Bracht, County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States Government has indicated that they are considering designation of the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Great Western National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of Decatur County and around the United States feed the world; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Decatur County is nearly completely and totally tied to the success of production agriculture; and,

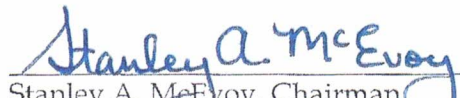
WHEREAS, many of our ancestors came to America because land was not plentiful in their native lands and the Homestead Act allowed them to own land by making improvements; and,

WHEREAS, private land ownership is a very important concept to our society;

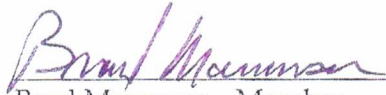
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas by the authority granted the Board by the laws of the State of Kansas and people of Decatur County, Kansas, we hereby call upon Congress to pass laws that prohibit the designation of the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Great Western National Historic Trail, and that our elected officials, including the President, educate themselves as to the importance of production agriculture in feeding the world, of the efforts taken by farmers and ranchers to be good stewards of the land, of the fact that private ownership of land ought to be protected and of the devastation to our local economy and tax base if the designations of historic trails occur.


SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.


Stanley A. McEvoy, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Brad Marcuson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners


Nora Urban
Decatur County Clerk


Karen Larson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners