

RESOLUTION NO. RS-06-034

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

Re: The Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area

RECITALS

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground, a proposed National Heritage Area, is a public-private partnership dedicated to raising national awareness of the natural, cultural and historic resources throughout a 175 mile portion of the US Route 15 corridor between Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area encompasses forty-seven (47) Historic Districts, fifteen (15) Main Street Communities, the largest collections of Civil War Battlefields and Rural Historic Districts in the United States, six (6) presidential homes, thirteen (13) National Historic Landmarks and numerous other historic homes and sites.

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area bisects and overlaps the recently certified Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area which encompasses portions of Washington, Frederick and Carroll counties and many of their municipalities.

The goals and purpose of both the Journey through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage area are similar and supportive of each other. They both seek to raise awareness and utilization of the wealth of historic, cultural and natural resources and encourage heritage tourism within their respective boundaries.

Washington County's rich heritage is interwoven in The Journey Through Hallowed Ground corridor by virtue of the link with the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

By linking the Main Street communities, historic downtowns, farms, businesses and heritage sites along the Journey through Hallowed Ground corridor and in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, there is an opportunity to celebrate, preserve and enhance this vital fabric of American history that remains in the historic, scenic and natural beauty of our community.

Washington County encourages opportunities to strengthen the ability of its citizens and communities to gain access to the incentives and assistance that are available through inclusion in the Journey Through Hallowed Ground and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Areas.

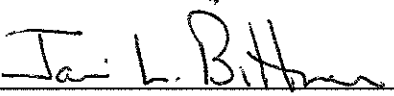
Washington County considers its rural character, its heritage and a robust local economy that will be further enhanced through participation with the Journey Through Hallowed Ground and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Areas essential to the quality of life for its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, that it acknowledges the intrinsic importance to Washington County of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Heritage Area. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland recognizes this historic corridor as a gateway to some of the most important locations in American history, encompassing centuries of historic sites in scenic settings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, supports the intention of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground to seek National Heritage Area designation for the entire 175 mile corridor, recognizing that the program does not in any way affect, impair or abridge the rights of private property owners and that the boundaries of the Heritage Area will not alter, amend or vary any existing local zoning or land use regulations.

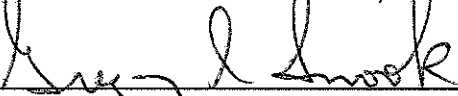
Adopted and effective this 17th day of October, 2006.

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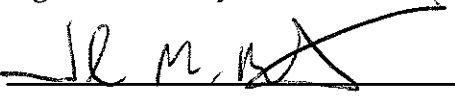
Joni L. Bittner, Clerk

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