

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF

[NAME OF CITY/COUNTY/ORGANIZATION]

**TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERSTATE 49 CORRIDOR AND THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DEDICATED FUNDING TOWARDS THIS EFFORT**

WHEREAS, Interstate 49 is planned as an 879mile north-south corridor from Kansas City, Missouri to New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 49 corridor is a critical route that enhances regional mobility, freight movement, and economic development across multiple states; and

WHEREAS, the portion of this corridor between Kansas City, Missouri and Shreveport, Louisiana was designated by Congress as High Priority Corridor 1 in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA); and

WHEREAS, Interstate 29 from Kansas City, Missouri to the northern border of the United States in North Dakota and Interstate 35 from Kansas City, Missouri to Duluth, Minnesota act as connector routes that will allow continuous traffic movement from the Gulf Coast once Interstate 49 is complete, supporting international and domestic commerce; and

WHEREAS, once complete, this mid-south transcontinental corridor will connect to six of the nation's eastwest National Highway Freight Network corridors (I10, I20, I30, I40, I44, and I70), improving commercial freight travel and promoting longterm economic development; and

WHEREAS, completing the remaining portions of Interstate 49 will improve highway safety, strengthen supply chains, expand tourism, and promote job creation in the communities it serves, thus improving the quality of life for those along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, coordinated investment and reliable dedicated funding are essential to advancing the planning, design, and construction necessary to finish the Interstate 49 corridor in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, over the last few decades, Arkansas has received over \$400 million in earmarked federal-aid funds designated by Congress for this corridor, including \$90 million that has been secured since 2022 by the efforts of Senator Boozman, Representative Westerman, and Representative Womack; and

WHEREAS, the largest gap of Interstate 49 located in Arkansas between Barling and the Red River at the Texas State Line is over 140 miles in length and estimated to cost over \$5 billion to construct; and

WHEREAS, without significant additional dedicated funding for this work, completing this portion will be unachievable through traditional highway funding resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY [NAME OF GOVERNING BODY] THAT:

SECTION I: [Name of City/County/Organization] hereby supports the timely completion of the Interstate 49 corridor through Arkansas.

SECTION II: [Name of City/County/Organization] respectfully urges state and federal partners to identify and dedicate sustainable funding for the remaining portions of Interstate 49.

SECTION III: A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the appropriate transportation agencies, elected officials, and other stakeholders to demonstrate this body's support for completing the Interstate 49 corridor.

Notes:

- "Name of City/County/Organization" is the name of the Agency (i.e. the City of Anywhere, Universal County, the Arkansas Department of Trails)
- "Name of Governing Body" is the group of individuals that make the final financial decisions for the Agency (i.e. City Council, Quorum Court, Board of Directors, Commission)