

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members  
**FROM:** Debbie Renner, City Clerk  
**DATE:** June 24, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Resolution of Support

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### **PURPOSE**

To adopt Resolution No. 480-08 endorsing the designation of the "River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway" as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway and the proposed corridor management plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

A presentation was made by Renee Tallevast and Jessi Smith at the last council meeting regarding the "River of Lakes Heritage Corridor." The Corridor Advocacy Group (of which Ms. Tallevast is the Chair) is seeking to have portions of Highway 17-92 designated as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway. Their presentation discussed the benefits of achieving this designation.

Ms. Tallevast requested that the City adopt a resolution endorsing their efforts in this regard and that we appoint a representative to the "Corridor Management Entity" (CME). The resolution will be included in the application package being submitted to request the designation.

Consistent with your direction at that meeting, I have prepared Resolution No. 480-08 for your consideration. Upon adoption of this Resolution, I will forward a copy to Ms. Tallevast.

In addition, Ms. Tallevast has requested that the City make a commitment to be part of the CME and appoint a representative to the Entity.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

If it is your desire to make a commitment to this program, three actions would be appropriate at this time:

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 480-08 endorsing the Designation of the "River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway" as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway.
2. Authorization to become part of the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity by authorizing the execution of the enclosed Agreement.
3. Appointment of a representative to the Corridor Management Entity.

**RESOLUTION NO. 480-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE DESIGNATION OF THE "RIVER OF LAKES HERITAGE CORRIDOR SCENIC HIGHWAY" AS A FLORIDA SCENIC HIGHWAY AND NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY AND THE PROPOSED CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLA. STAT. 335.093 AND RULE 14.15.016, F.A.C; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO DESIGNATE AND IMPLEMENT DESIGNATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, a Corridor Advocacy Group, known as the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group, has been formed for the purpose of advocating the proposed River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway, as provided by Florida Statutes 335.093 and 23 U.S.C. 162 for the designation and implementation of a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway advocates that the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway runs along U.S. Highways 17 and 17/92 beginning at the Volusia/Putnam county line and proceeding south to the bridge crossing the St. Johns River at Lake Monroe, and includes specified feeder roads that access important intrinsic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the scenic highway and byway designations is to protect, enhance, preserve and maintain the intrinsic resources of the designated corridor, while utilizing these resources for appropriate economic development, recreation, and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, significant benefits of additional economic development, recreational amenities, resource conservation, aesthetic enhancement and public education can result from the scenic highway and byway designations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** The City Council of the City of Orange City supports the designation of the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway ("ROLHCSC") as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway. The primary roadway that identifies the "ROLHCSC" is US 17 and US 17/92 beginning at the Putnam/Volusia County line and proceeding south through the towns and cities of Seville, Pierson, Barberville, DeLeon Springs, DeLand,

Orange City, and DeBary to the bridge crossing the St. Johns River at Lake Monroe. The corridor also includes the City of Lake Helen and the communities of Cassadaga, Osteen, Samsula, Enterprise and Glenwood. To include valuable intrinsic resources the following feeder roadways are included: CR 3 that runs parallel to US 17 from just above Pierson to DeLeon Springs; Grand Avenue (CR 4053) connecting DeLeon Springs through Glenwood to DeLand; New York Avenue (SR 44) from the St. Johns River Bridge to Summit Avenue (CR 4139) and then Summit Avenue south to Martin Luther King Jr. Beltway (CR 4101); the western segment of West Old New York Avenue (CR 4110) to Hontoon Road (CR 4125) and then Hontoon Road south to the St. Johns River; Dirksen Drive (CR 4162) from US 17/92 east to Lakeshore Dr. /Enterprise-Osteen Rd. (CR 5758) then south on SR 415 to the St. Johns River; and SR 11 from US 92 to the north Volusia/Flagler County line where the proposed scenic highway meets up with Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Scenic Highway. A copy of the "ROLHCSC" Designation Application and Corridor Management Plan will be submitted for Council approval.

**SECTION II:** The City Manager is hereby authorized to participate in supporting efforts to designate and implement the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway as a Florida Scenic Highway and National Scenic Byway.

**SECTION III:** Upon approval of the Corridor Management Plan by the Florida Department of Transportation, the Council will consider incorporating into the Orange City Comprehensive Plan a map displaying the "ROLHCSC," the Corridor Vision statement, and the appropriate goals, objectives and policies.

**SECTION IV:** A copy of this resolution shall be incorporated into the minutes and official records of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida, and sent to the Florida Department of Transportation.

**SECTION V:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS (Resolution No.480-08):**

Jim Mahoney	_____	Donald C. Sherrill	_____
Tom Laputka	_____	Tom Abraham	_____
Donald Sandford	_____	Jeff H. Allebach, Vice Mayor	_____
Harley Strickland, Mayor	_____		

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.**

**ATTEST:**

**AUTHENTICATED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah J. Renner, CMC, City Clerk

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Harley Strickland, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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W. E. Reischmann, City Attorney



## River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 by the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity (CME) and the parties represented by the signature below.

**Recitals:**

U. S. Highways 17 and 17/92 as well as selected ancillary roads in Volusia County have been designated as a "Florida Scenic Highway" (the "Scenic Highway") by the Florida Department of Transportation. In January 2009, the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Group ("CAG") applied for the Florida Scenic Highway Designation. Prerequisites for designation as a Florida Scenic Highway were (a) preparation and submittal by the CAG of a Corridor Management Plan ("CMP"), setting forth goals and a vision for the Scenic Highway, as well as strategies to achieve such goals, and (b) institution of a "Corridor Management Entity" ("CME"), a board of directors that facilitates and monitors accomplishment of those goals.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

There is hereby created the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity (CME), which shall initiate, coordinate and monitor plans, strategies, programs and events set forth in the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan (CMP).

It is desired that the CME include interested and affected citizens, landowners, businesses, public land managers and government agencies within the area benefited by the Scenic Highway.

The CME Directorship shall be composed of the following:

- I. Citizen Directors
- II. Corporate Directors
- III. Governmental/Agency Directors

The Directorship can be expanded or reduced by majority action of the existing CME.

The CME may adopt such by-laws and organizational rules as shall be necessary or appropriate for the organization of the CME, consistent with provisions hereof, including, as appropriate, provision for the formation of "Committees," the election of other officers and retention of employees or independent contractors at the CME's discretion.

The River of Lakes Heritage Corridor, Inc. (the "Corporation") along with CME Directors shall together provide staff resources. In addition, the Corporation shall keep and maintain all records of the CME.

This agreement will serve as a continuing contract and program to ensure appropriate implementation and consistency in carrying out the goals and objectives of the CMP.

Nothing contained herein shall constitute the adoption of the provisions of the CMP as a law, regulation or ordinance of any public body. Land management planning decisions, directions, budgeting and implementation of the public lands within the Scenic Highway are the responsibility of the individual public agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed the Agreement as of the day and year written above.

**SIGNATORIES**

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Harley Strickland, Mayor – City of Orange City

*Renee Tallevast*  
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Renee Tallevast, Chair – Corridor Advocacy Group

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CME Appointee (if other than Mayor)      Date

*June 24, 2008*  
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Date