

**A RESOLUTION TO IDENTIFY THE FORMER ALIGNMENTS OF
U.S. HIGHWAY ROUTE 20
IN THE STATE OF IOWA
as
HISTORIC US ROUTE 20 (IOWA)**

The Iowa Department of Transportation requires all towns, cities and counties located along the former alignments of U.S. Highway Route 20 that are Public State Highways to submit a resolution to agree to the designation and placement of Historic Route 20 markers on the Public State Highway.

The Iowa Department of Transportation is also requesting all towns, cities and counties located along the former alignments of U.S. Highway Route 20 that are Local (Town, City or County) Maintained Highways to submit a resolution to agree to the designation and placement of Historic Route 20 markers on their respected maintained highways to ensure complete continuity of the designated Historic Route. Locations where the Historic Route is on a local highway do not require the DOT designation for placement of signs, the determination is based at the local level.

This resolution would request the Iowa Department of Transportation, upon receipt, to identify and designate that section of former U.S. Highway Route 20, as determined by the 1927 State of Iowa Highway Map, that is still a publicly maintained highway and that is of interest to the applicant, Historic US Route 20 (Iowa).

This resolution supports that the costs covering the purchase and placement of the Historic Route markers be delegated to the interested local agency¹ and not the Iowa Department of Transportation – unless stipulated by Iowa DOT.

1927 Iowa State Highway Map Link: <http://www.iowadot.gov/maps/msp/historical/pdf/1927-front.pdf>

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¹The term **local agency** can refer to, but is not limited to, the following; Town or City Council, Mayor's Office, Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Bureau, Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Historical Society, Economic Development Office, Organization or Business or Individual.

A Resolution of _____, Iowa - Declaring Support and Intent of the Placement of Historic Route 20 Signage on the Town/City/County/State Maintained Road

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway Route 20 was created in 1926 from Boston, MA to Yellowstone National Park, WY; and

WHEREAS, By 1943, U.S. Highway Route 20 was extended to Newport, OR – a distance of 3,365 miles; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway Route 20 extended 333 miles between Dubuque and Sioux City, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway Route 6 was decommissioned in most of California in 1964, making U.S. Highway Route 20 the longest highway in the country; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, U.S. Highway Route 20 has conveyed commerce and pleasure travelers whose needs were met by nearby cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, The State of Iowa has been working since 1952, to relocate U.S. Highway Route 20 to a four lane highway; and

WHEREAS, Though largely supplanted by the four lane highway route, the original segment of U.S. Highway Route 20 remain, although most are no longer identified as such; and

WHEREAS, Former U.S. Highway Route 20 served as the main street of many Iowa cities and towns along its length and, though no longer designated as former U.S. Highway Route 20, these segments represent both state and local historic significance; and

WHEREAS, the Historic US Route 20 Association, Inc., is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization aimed to promote tourism and economic development along the original 1926 alignment of US Route 20; and

WHEREAS, The Historic Route 20 Association, Inc., provides historic route markers to act as a wayfinding tool to guide tourists and travelers on the 1926 alignment to a local agency; and

WHEREAS, Designation of a Historic Route and the permission of placement of historic markers on State Public Highways must come from the Iowa Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Without formal designation, the history and contribution of these segments of U.S. Highway Route 20 to the development of the state would remain less known; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of these segments will foster the economic health and cultural preservation of small communities and towns located along the highway; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that a means to designate these historic sections of former U.S. Highway Route 20 be established; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the _____, Iowa, hereby recognizes the original 1926 segment of former U.S. Highway Route 20 in the _____, Iowa as *Historic Route 20 (Iowa)* for its historical significance and importance in the development of Iowa; and be it further

RESOLVED, _____, Iowa commits to the permitting and placement of Historic Route 20 Markers within its borders, including the State DOT Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Iowa Department of Transportation, upon receipt of this resolution by all interested local agencies along the original segment of U.S. Highway Route 20, to designate that section of highway as *Historic Route 20 (Iowa)*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the local agency is responsible for the costs and placement of historic route markers on their sections or portions of former U.S. Highway Route 20 – unless stipulated by the Iowa Department of Transportation to the local agency, and be it further

RESOLVED the Clerk of _____, Iowa transmit copies of this resolution to the Historic US Route 20 Association and the requesting local agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE _____ of the _____, IOWA that we are in support of the recognition and designation of Historic Route 20 and the placement of Historic Route 20 Markers.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ of _____, 2017

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