

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 66 HERITAGE PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois

("Village") supports the nomination of Illinois Route 66 as a National Scenic Byway and is in favor of its inclusion in the byway corridor as defined by the following description:

1. South along Illinois Route 4, from Mansion Road (or, if the northern corporate boundary of the Village is extended, from the northern corporate boundary of the Village) to West Walnut Street.
2. West on West Walnut Street, to North Church Street
3. South on North Church Street, to North Main Street (Illinois Route 4)
4. South on North Main Street (Illinois Route 4) to the southern corporate boundary of the Village.

SECTION 2: The Village understands that the Illinois statutes regarding outdoor advertising control will apply along the byway corridor and furthermore, that only legally permitted advertising will be allowed according to existing law. It is further understood that once the byway designation has been received, the erection of new off-premise commercial advertising will be prohibited in the above defined corridor.

SECTION 3: The Director of Utilities is directed to prepare, for the Village President's signature, a letter of support in the format attached hereto as Exhibit A, and

the Village President is authorized and directed to send the letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation, with a copy of this Resolution, on or before December 31, 2004.

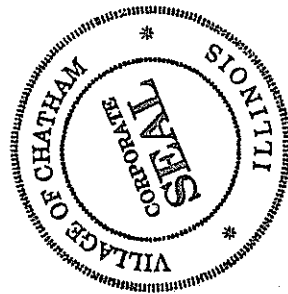
SECTION 4: This Resolution is effective immediately.

PASSED this 14 day of DECEMBER, 2004.

Thomas S Gray
Village President

ATTEST:

Pat Schaal
Village Clerk



AYES: 5 HERR M'ADAMS BOYLE N'ERATH KAVANAGH
NAYS: 0

PASSED: 12-14-04
APPROVED: 12-14-04

ABSENT: 1 MCCARTHY

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SANGAMON)

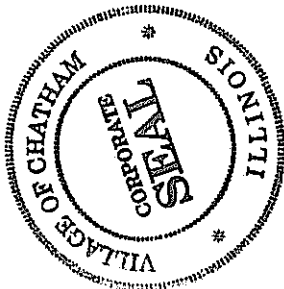
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

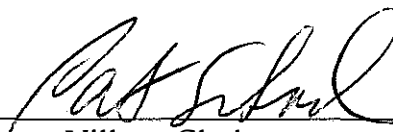
I do further certify that the resolution attached hereto is a full, true, and exact copy of Resolution No. 39-04 adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village on the 14 day of DECEMBER, 2004, said resolution being entitled:

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I do further certify that prior to the making of this certificate, the resolution was spread at length upon the permanent records of said Village, where it now appears and remains.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Village this 14 day of DECEMBER, 2004.





Village Clerk

**Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway
Sample Letter of Support**

Mr. Keith M. Sherman
Section Chief, Planning & Systems
Room 307
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Opening remarks

On behalf of (name of governmental entity), please accept our enthusiastic support of the nomination of Illinois Route 66 as a National Scenic Byway.

Possible remarks:

- Brief history of the road through the community / county
- Significance of the connection to Route 66 heritage
- Interest of the business community and citizenry
- Preparedness / eagerness to welcome travelers
- Commitment to preservation and promotion of Route 66 resources
- Support the efforts of the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project

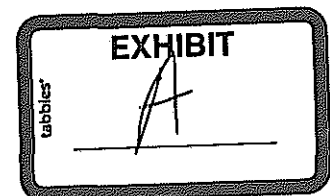
Insert C & I appeal if necessary

Closing remarks

Our community leaders have demonstrated their support through the passage of a resolution which you will find attached and our community looks forward to being an active participant in the Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway.

Sincerely,

Name
Title



**Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway
Sample Letter of Support – C & I insert**

We have been informed by the Illinois Department of Transportation District Office that a portion of the proposed Scenic Byway corridor through (insert community name) has been identified as a Commercial and Industrial (C&I) area. We understand that Illinois statute requires its automatic exclusion from the Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway corridor. We further understand; however, that we have the right to appeal this exclusion if significant story resources, also known as intrinsic qualities, exist within the C & I area and can be documented.

Therefore, on behalf of (insert community name), please accept the attached addendum detailing the intrinsic qualities found within the defined C & I area and a review of their significance to the Route 66 story in (insert community name).

(The addendum should itemize those sites, attractions, restaurants, gas stations, etc. related to Route 66 and explain their relationship to the history, culture, etc of the community).

We feel that the C&I area (detail parameters) contains valuable community assets and significantly enhances our storytelling capabilities in (insert community name). We feel strongly that the area would be an asset to the byway system and adds to the visitor experience through our community.

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
Thomas Gray

VILLAGE CLERK
Pat Schad

TRUSTEES
Jeanne Boyle
Chuck Herr
Tom Kavanagh
Scott McAdams
Patrick McCarthy
Mike McGrath

December 19, 2004

Mr. Keith M. Sherman
Section Chief, Planning and Systems
Room 307
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62764

Dear Mr. Sherman,

On behalf of the Village of Chatham, please accept our enthusiastic support of the nomination of Illinois Route 66 as a National Scenic Byway.

I wish I could give a brief history or some significant story of Route 66 through Chatham but unfortunately local historians could not offer, or remember, any extraordinary information. Apparently, its period through Chatham on Church Street was brief. There were a few cabins for travelers at Chestnut and Church Streets and the village had a couple motels but, like many towns, as transportation improved and travel time decreased many small communities saw these travel businesses close.

Nevertheless, surely any event recognizing Chatham's portion of Route 66 as a National Scenic Byway would be eagerly accepted by this community. We look forward to being an active participant in the Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway.

Our Village Board has demonstrated their support through the passage of Resolution 39-04 at our December 14, 2004 regular village board meeting.

A certified copy of Resolution 39-04

Sincerely,
Thomas S. Gray
Village President
Village of Chatham

Incorporated March 24, 1874

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