

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-010

A RESOLUTION in support of Jasper County, Missouri joining Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area, Inc.

WHEREAS, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area tells the stories of the settlement of the frontier, the border and Civil Wars on the western frontier, and the enduring struggle for freedom; and.

WHEREAS, Congress established Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area in 2006 to make the nationally significant stories of this region better known to its citizens and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area is one of 55 national heritage areas designed to create a unique public-private partnership to support the telling of nationally significant stories; and

WHEREAS, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area covers 41 counties, 3,000,000 people, and nearly 30,000 square miles of land that share this story; and

WHEREAS, more than 265 museums, historic sites, and economic development organizations exist within the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, Jasper County shares in these stories, but was not included in the original boundary of Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, Jasper County and many of its historic sites, museums, and organizations would benefit through a partnership with Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Joplin City Council, Joplin, Missouri hereby urges the U.S. Congress to reauthorize Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area through HR 1049, provide it robust funding for its partner programs, and include Jasper County in the boundary of the heritage area.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this ___ day of _____ 2019, by a vote of

Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney