

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO REOPEN K&I BRIDGE FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS from its founding in 1813 to its Two Hundredth anniversary today, Floyd County's identity is inextricably linked to the Ohio River and;

WHEREAS, in Indiana, the counties of Clark and Floyd have made great progress on the Ohio River Greenway, Louisville offers the well-established and extensive River Walk and both of these features offer the benefit of exercise, outdoor activity and observing nature along the great waterway and;

WHEREAS, the Big Four Bridge between Jeffersonville and Louisville is nearing completion as a link between those two river paths and the cities they serve and;

WHEREAS the opportunity exists for further beneficial use of these outstanding community resources which are available amenities for our citizens, by a progressive plan to incorporate the former automobile decks of the K&I Bridge into cross-river link of the Ohio River Greenway in New Albany with the River Walk in Louisville and;

WHEREAS the railroad corporation controlling the K&I Bridge, Norfolk Southern, has shown intransigence against allowing the citizens of the neighboring communities of Louisville and Floyd County to beneficially use this long-standing resource as a link of the River Walk and the Greenway and;


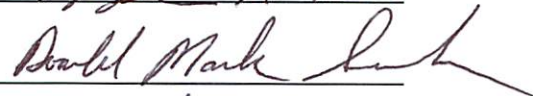
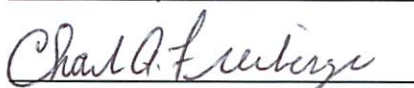
WHEREAS continuation of the state of semi-abandonment of the K&I Bridge, due to its solely as a railroad facility, creates a blight on the Uptown Neighborhood and:

WHEREAS responsible stewardship of the K&I Bridge could provide not only a link between Louisville and Floyd County for the amenities previously noted, but could also provide a vital emergency link between the two cities and;

Now, THEREFORE the Floyd County Commissioners, by this resolution do express support for its efforts to begin the process of convincing the Norfolk Southern Railroad of New Albany see the K&I Bridge as a community resource and one which should be available to the community for its beneficial use.

So Ordained this 3rd day of December, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF FLOYD

ATTEST:
