

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE FLINT RIVER WATER TRAIL in MERIWETHER COUNTY**

WHEREAS the citizens of Meriwether County value its natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities afforded by the Flint River; and

WHEREAS the citizens value the Flint River for water quality and habitat protection; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the County will greatly benefit from the recreational and natural experiences provided by the water trail, and

WHEREAS, providing access to the river is a desired goal of the County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Meriwether County and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States have for more than twenty (20) years regularly and openly enjoyed and exercised a right of passage by boat on the Flint River as it travels through Meriwether County, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

WHEREAS, Meriwether County has participated with Spalding, Pike and Upson Counties to study and evaluate this water trail; and

WHEREAS this water trail is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of Meriwether County for recreational facilities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS the county has previously supported activities that promote recreation on the river; and

WHEREAS, Meriwether County affirms and supports the water trail, beginning at mile marker 295 and ending at mile marker 267, to be of value and benefit to the citizens of Meriwether County and its neighboring counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Meriwether County, Georgia.

Section 1: That the public easement of passage established by more than twenty (20) years of regular and open travel by boat on the Flint River in Meriwether County is hereby recognized and accepted by the Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of Meriwether County, and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States;

Section 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption; and

Section 3: That we hereby direct each department in the County to support and implement the water trail.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSION OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

BY: 

ATTEST: 