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Passed and Approved this 13th Day of November 2023 by the City Council.

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:
Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Renner	None	None

Terry Renner
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R.23.07

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF REVIVING THE TWIN CITIES ZEPHYR AMTRAK ROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO EAST DUBUQUE

WHEREAS, an initiative is underway to revive the Twin Cities Zephyr, BNSF, passenger rail service from Chicago through DeKalb, Rochelle, Oregon, Savanna, West Galena, and concluding in East Dubuque; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, the Northwest Illinois region, and the City of Galena needs the economic development benefits that the re-establishment of a passenger rail corridor would bring; and

WHEREAS, as a major regional tourism destination, Northwest Illinois is expected to realize increased valuation to communities on or near passenger rail lines; and

WHEREAS, passenger train service would have a reciprocal function of allowing our residents to work and play in other areas of Illinois without adding to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, passenger train service would improve the quality of life, enhance transportation safety, increase income from tourism, grow jobs, spur urban development, attract and retain a talented workforce, and be environmentally beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Galena continues to support initiatives aimed at bringing passenger rail to northwest Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Galena City Council fully endorses a Federally or State of Illinois funded feasibility study to evaluate and determine economic viability and everyday usefulness of a revival of the Twin Cities Zephyr, BNSF, passenger rail service from Chicago through DeKalb, Rochelle, Oregon, Savanna, West Galena, and concluding in East Dubuque.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS this 13th day of November, 2023.

APPROVED this 13th day of November, 2023.

Terry Renner

Terry Renner, Mayor

Mary Beth Hyde

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