RESOLUTION # R.21.04

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE THE GALENA-JO DAVIESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PLANS TO CONSTRUCT NEW MUSEUM FACILITIES AND APPLY FOR EDA ARPA TOURISM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society, a not-for-profit 501c3 organization based in Galena, Jo Daviess County, IL, is applying for American Rescue Plan Act tourism and recreation funding from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) to support the construction of new facilities for the society's Galena and U.S. Grant Museum.

WHEREAS, the society's mission is to share stories unique to Galena, Jo Daviess County, and the Driftless Area, including history of importance to the United States.

WHEREAS, the museum is currently housed within city-owned property that is no longer sufficient to provide a modern museum-going experience and limits the opportunities for new exhibition space and optimally welcoming visitors that require accessibility accommodations.

WHEREAS, response and recovery actions related to COVID-19 emphasize tourism's impacts within Galena and Jo Daviess County, especially for maintaining governmental services through taxes collected.

WHEREAS, the society has completed substantial preparation work for the project, including economic impact analysis, design, fundraising, and land acquisition, including property nearly adjacent to the U.S. Grant Home, a National Historic Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

WHEREAS, the City of Galena finds value in investing in enterprises that have shown creative spirit, have a long history of community support, and can grow and diversify the local tourism economy.

WHEREAS, the society is acting in cooperation with the City of Galena, a political subdivision where the new museum building will be constructed, on activities pertaining to the project, including general planning, public utilities and infrastructure coordination, grant application support, permitting, and design.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Galena hereby adopts this resolution of support for the society's development plans and application to the EDA.

ADOPTED this 27 day of September 2021.

Terry Renner

Terry Renner, Mayor, City of Galena, Illinois

Mary Beth Hyde

Attested by Mary Beth Hyde, City Clerk, City of Galena, Illinois