RESOLUTION #11-04-19-01

SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE STATISTICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER PORT OF EASTERN IOWA AND WESTERN ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the collection of waterborne commerce statistics pertaining to rivers, harbors, and waterways and the compilation of such data by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are required by federal law; and

WHEREAS, creation of the statistical boundaries of the Mississippi River Port of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois would more accurately reflect the local waterborne commerce activity and increase tonnage recorded by the Waterborne Commerce Statistical Center of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Navigation and Civil Works Decision Support Center, ranking the Port among the inland ports in the United States further supporting local economic development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed creation of the statistical boundaries will provide the opportunity for marketing and investment opportunities which could lead to job creation and economic growth for Muscatine County, Iowa; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscatine County, Iowa supports the port boundary creation of the Mississippi River Port of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois between Mississippi River mile 461.5 and river mile 583.0 to include the entire riverfront of Muscatine County from river mile 448.8 to river mile 469.7 on the Mississippi River. Said support extends for statistical purposes only and not to any waterways organization or further control of the Mississippi River nor does the port designation impact any existing or future public port, terminal, or economic development authorities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors