

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TENNESSEE RIVERLINE

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama recognize the historical and recreational importance the Tennessee River has played and continues to play in Huntsville and the surrounding areas; and

WHEAREAS, Ditto Landing, our marina and gateway to the Tennessee River, has formed a leadership team that applied to participate in the Tennessee RiverTowns program to become part of the Tennessee RiverLine; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee RiverLine vision is to form a regional water trail system that will eventually include a continuous paddling, hiking and biking system along the 652-mile Tennessee River from Knoxville, TN to Paducah, KY, which includes the waterfront along the southern border of Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville believes that the Tennessee RiverTowns program is a worthwhile endeavor and catalyst to fulfill the Tennessee RiverLine vision. The program creates unique synergies among the communities along the river, offers an opportunity to learn and collaborate with others on successful river recreational initiatives, and heightens the awareness of this vital asset locally and beyond; and

WHEREAS, with the launch of Ditto Landing's new campground, consisting of primitive and improved sites, Huntsville is positioned for new and eager Tennessee River visitors. Allowing the City to be a part of the Tennessee RiverLine is a valuable resource for promoting our amenities, stimulating economic development, and reaching our region's growing, diverse population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville:

Section 1: The City of Huntsville strongly supports the application to the Tennessee RiverTowns program and becoming a part of the Tennessee RiverLine.

Section 2: The City of Huntsville will work collaboratively with our partners at Ditto Landing and the local leadership team to accomplish the tasks associated with the RiverTowns program.

Section 3: The City of Huntsville will aid in implementing the components of the Tennessee RiverTowns program and achieving the Tennessee RiverLine vision to the fullest extent possible as resources are available.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of April, 2022.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 14th day of April, 2022.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama