

RESOLUTION NO. 213

REQUESTING THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MODIFY THE DESIGNATION OF LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE STATE SCENIC BYWAY BY ADDING THE “RIVERSPARK LOOP”

Introduced: 5/11/15

By Messrs. Ward, Morse, Beston, Clenahan, Ethier and Ms. McLean Lane:

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, The Great Northeast Journey All-American Road scenic byway links the towns, villages, hamlets and cities along the interconnected waterway of Lake Champlain, Lake George, Champlain Canal and the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, The waters of Lake Champlain, Lake George, the Champlain Canal and Hudson River provide a beautiful backdrop to the scenic, recreational and natural resources along the corridor, and

WHEREAS, The cultural and economic history of the Town of Colonie, City of Cohoes, the City of Watervliet and the Village of Menands should be showcased to travelers along Lakes to Locks Passage in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Albany County recognizes that tourism is an important industry to the County and believes that the designated route for Lakes to Locks Passage should direct the traveler through the Town of Colonie, City of Cohoes, and City of Watervliet to increase visitors' desire to stop and visit, and

WHEREAS, The overall economies of the communities along the Lakes to Locks Passage will benefit from the boost in tourism that would result from the travel route with a “RiverSpark Loop” and southern terminus in the City of Troy, and

WHEREAS, The “RiverSpark Loop” of Lakes to Locks Passage would extend the byway on the east from Waterford in Saratoga County along US Rt. 4 through Rensselaer County to the intersection with NYS Rt.378 (Burden Avenue with High and Mill Streets) in the City of Troy; it would extend Lakes to Locks Passage on the west from Waterford in Saratoga County along NYS Rt. 32 through Albany County in the City of Cohoes, the Town of Colonie, the City of Watervliet, and the Village of Menands to NYS Rt. 378, across the Hudson River on NYS Rt. 378 into the City of Troy, to the intersection with US Rt. 4, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Albany County requests the State of New York Department of Transportation to modify the designation of Lakes to Locks Passage State Scenic Byway by adding the “RiverSpark Loop”, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Representative in Congress, all of the elected state officials who represent Albany County in the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate, Mark Woods at the NYS Department of Transportation, the Executive Director Janet Kennedy of Lakes to Locks, Inc. and the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/11/15