

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
RESOLUTION 2009-05

Resolution of the Oconee County Council

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has appropriated \$1.3 Million for a study to determine the need and feasibility of constructing an interstate highway (hereinafter referred to as "I-3") from Savannah, Georgia, to Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, I-3, if constructed would possibly traverse through or near Oconee County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, neither the State of South Carolina nor Oconee County was consulted beforehand on legislation introduced in the United States Congress by the Georgia Congressional Delegation, regarding the placement of an interstate highway through the Southern Appalachian mountains; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new federal interstate highway through or in close proximity to Oconee County, South Carolina, would have a devastating environmental, economic, cultural and aesthetic impact on Oconee County, including the Sumter National Forest and the Blue Ridge Escarpment area; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council, prefers such monies be allocated for the repair of existing highway infrastructure, including unsafe bridges; and

WHEREAS, Oconee County is in support and solidarity with our neighboring counties and towns in northeast Georgia and western North Carolina, who have expressed their clear opposition to this interstate highway:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Oconee County and the County Council of Oconee County, South Carolina are respectfully opposed to a federally-funded interstate corridor called I-3 (or any other name for such a corridor), are respectfully opposed to this use of federal funds to even support a study for such a corridor, and are respectfully opposed to such a corridor going in, through, or near Oconee County, South Carolina.

THIS RESOLUTION WILL TAKE EFFECT immediately upon enactment.

RESOLVED & ADOPTED in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of March, 2009.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Hulse
Clerk to County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

Rex Dexter
Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina