

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE SANTEETLAH TO OPPOSE INTERSTATE CORRIDOR I-3

WHEREAS, Congress 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 Graham County, North Carolina, where the Town of Lake Santeetlah is located; and

WHEREAS, neither the State of North Carolina nor any County in Western North Carolina was consulted beforehand on legislation introduced in the US Congress by the Georgia Congressional delegation regarding the placement of an interstate highway through the Southern Appalachian mountains; and

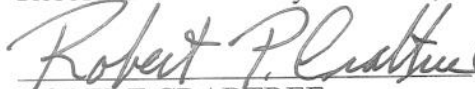
WHEREAS, the beauty of our region is the main asset that draws residents to this area, and whereas, this beauty feeds the economy of the Town of Lake Santeetlah, and whereas, the construction of a federal interstate highway through the existing rugged terrain of Western North Carolina would have a devastating environmental, economic, cultural and aesthetic impact on these mountains, including the Nantahala National Forest and Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, this interstate highway has little support from Lake Santeetlah residents and their elected representatives at the local, state, and federal levels, who prefer such monies be allocated for the repair of existing highway infrastructure, including unsafe bridges; and

WHEREAS, in support and solidarity with our neighboring counties and towns in western North Carolina who have expressed their clear opposition to this interstate highway;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Lake Santeetlah to respectfully oppose a federally funded interstate corridor called I-3 (or any other name for such corridor).

Resolved this 17th day of March, 2009.

 (SEAL)
ROBERT CRABTREE
Mayor, Town of Lake Santeetlah

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
PEGGY CARVER
Clerk, Town of Lake Santeetlah

TOWN SEAL