

**RESOLUTION 23-019 IN SUPPORT OF HISTORICAL ROUTES PRESERVATION  
ACT**

(Allowing Counties to quiet title to R.S. 2477 rights-of-way)

**WHEREAS**, the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Act (“Infrastructure Act”) recognizes that, due to decades of disinvestment, rural roads are in poor condition which has had a negative effect on rural economies and has led to increased injury rates on rural roads, and

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Act has made funds available to county and local governments for the repair, maintenance and safety of rural roads, bridges and last mile connectivity; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are available to counties for infrastructure and connectivity, only if the counties hold title to the roads and bridges, and

**WHEREAS**, title to thousands of county roads in underserved rural communities is held up because of costly and prolonged litigation with the federal government under R.S. 2477, and

**WHEREAS**, most of these county roads are badly in need of repair and maintenance to ensure the safety of the travelling public, and

**WHEREAS**, most of these roads would qualify for funding under the Infrastructure Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of the Infrastructure Act cannot be achieved so long as county title to R.S. 2477 roads is tied up in federal litigation, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Historic Routes Preservation Act would create and mandate an efficient administrative process for the adjudication of county R.S. 2477 rights-of-way claims, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Historic Routes Preservation Act requires that this administrative adjudication process largely incorporates the evidentiary test established by the federal courts for R.S. 2477 determinations.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mineral County, by and through its elected representatives, supports the introduction and passage of the Historic Routes Preservation Act by the United States Congress.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of October, by the Mineral County Board of Commissioners.



Larry Grant, Vice - Chairman

Attest:

  
Teresa McNally, Clerk of the Board