

## RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Indian Removal Act of 1830, forcing approximately 100,000 Native Americans to relocate from the eastern United States to west of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, between 1830 and 1850 thousands of Native Americans died during this relocation along what has become known as the "Trail of Tears"; and

WHEREAS, Robeson County has a large and diverse Native American population; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 74 passes through an area of Robeson County that is home to a large portion of the Native American population; and

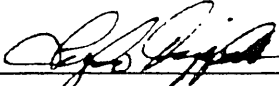
WHEREAS, the Tuscarora East of the Mountains Tribal Council, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners and the Maxton Board of Commissioners have requested the N.C. Department of Transportation to name the U.S. 74 Bypass in Robeson County the American Indian Highway.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the U.S. 74 Bypass from U.S. 74 east of Maxton to U.S. 74 east of Interstate 95 in Robeson County (TIP Number 513) the *American Indian Highway* to honor the men, women and children who lost their lives during this relocation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eighth day of November 2001 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Secretary of Transportation