

## RESOLUTION FOR MARTIN GAMBILL

**WHEREAS**, Martin Gambill was born in Culpepper, Virginia in 1750, to an Irish immigrant family and ultimately settled in what later became Ashe County; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Gambill was involved in the delivery of vital information during the Revolutionary War. He volunteered for the very risky task of leaving Watauga County on September 18, 1780 and riding over 100 miles in 24 hours alerting frontiersman along the way that all the militias of the Over-Mountain Men were to meet in one week at Sycamore Shoals; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Gambill arrived at Colonel Campbell's headquarters on September 19, 1780 and the ride allowed Campbell's and other militias to march to Sycamore Shoals and ultimately ensured American victory in the Revolutionary War; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Gambill's ride was a remarkable feat that allowed the Over-Mountain Men to play a pivotal role in the final battles of the American Revolution and earned him the rank of First Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Gambill was elected in 1810 to the North Carolina Senate and later to local offices including sheriff, and he also served in the Indian War with the Cherokees; and

**WHEREAS**, a play of Martin Gambill's brave actions, *The Mountain in Us*, was written by Jim Gambill of Wilkes County and performed from the Ashe Civic Center. In addition, an interpreted portrait of Martin Gambill adorns the entry hall of the Museum of Ashe County History in the 1904 courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners wishes to name a newly constructed bridge in honor of Martin Gambill.


### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on Farmers Fish Camp Road over the New River in Alleghany County as the *Martin Gambill Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the third day of December 2015 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation