## **RESOLUTION (4)** NO. 2021- 52

WHEREAS: The Quorum Court of Boone County recognizes the social and economic future of all counties in the Northern region of the State of Arkansas are dependent on accessibility; and

WHEREAS: Our US Highway 412 was designated by our United States Congress to be a Priority Corridor to provide us the surface transportation resource to meet the tremendous development potential of the entire Northern Region of our State; and

WHEREAS: The current conditions of our US Highway 412 Corridor do not meet present-day standards and have created a level of intolerance, discouraging economic growth and participation by recreational and commercial interests in our Northern Region; and

WHEREAS: US Highway 412 has been consistently identified and substantiated in numerous studies as the primary arterial route intended to serve our Northern Region for commercial, agricultural, and recreational vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS: Our Northern Region has untapped valuable resources and an underutilized labor force that. given ready accessibility, will result in unparalleled prosperity; and

WHEREAS: A commitment to bring US Highway 412 to modern-day standards will provide renewed hope and future to every household, business, and farm along the entire East/West Corridor of US Highway 412.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: We petition the Arkansas State Highway Commission, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, and our State and Federal Legislative Representatives to commit to fulfilling their obligation of bringing US Highway 412 to the standards of a designated Priority Corridor.

SUBMITTED BY: Justice Jim Milum

DATE APPROVED

Robert Hathaway

Boone County Judge

Boone Count

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