

2017-24

RESOLUTION FOR RAGBRAI

Pertaining to the use of Secondary Roads in Clay County, Iowa by RAGBRAI and by cyclists in general.

WHEREAS, the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) is a unique event that draws thousands of visitors to Iowa annually and promotes Iowa tourism; and

WHEREAS, biking in general is an excellent form of exercise enjoyed by millions of Americans, as well as a pollution-free form of transportation that should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, secondary roads in Iowa are not designed or maintained to meet any specific standards related to bicycle travel; and

WHEREAS, the recent lawsuit against Crawford County involving the death of a RAGBRAI participant demonstrates the need to address the use of the county secondary road system by RAGBRAI and by cyclists in general; and

WHEREAS, the current situation has created an unacceptable exposure to future bicycle-related lawsuits against this County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors that they respectfully request that the Iowa Legislature address this issue in 2018 on a statewide basis so that the Board of Supervisors does not have to act at the local level to regulate the use by cyclists of secondary roads under the jurisdiction of the County.

Resolution adopted this 18th day of July, 2017 and the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Supervisors Skelton, Swanson, Anderson, Skow, and Matthews

NAYES: None.

/s/Burlin H. Matthews, Chairperson, Clay County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/Marjorie A. Pitts, County Auditor