

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2060-02

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALL NECESSARY REPAIR TO THE COTTER RAINBOW ARCH BRIDGE TO ENSURE ITS RETENTION AS A VEHICULAR BRIDGE GIVING ACCESS TO COTTER AND THE WHITE RIVER AND ITS RECOGNITION AS A VALUABLE HISTORIC ASSET AND TOURIST ATTRACTION.

WHEREAS: The City of Cotter, Arkansas, commends the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for continued awareness of conditions and effective minor repairs to the R.M. Ruthven Bridge to ensure continued traffic flow on Hwy 62/412B across the White River into the City of Cotter and to the various access areas to the White River in Cotter.

WHEREAS: Attempts by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department to make major repairs to this historic "Rainbow Arch" bridge have to date been unsuccessful due to contractor bids far in excess of department funds.

WHEREAS: Continued minor repairs are unlikely to provide the level of safety necessary for unrestricted vehicular travel, and have generated fears that the bridge may ultimately be closed.

WHEREAS: Continued direct access to the city of Cotter and the White River from the west by way of the "Rainbow Arch" bridge is vitally important to the economy of the city of Cotter and the economic re-development of the downtown area.

WHEREAS: The R. M. Ruthven Bridge, most often known as the "Cotter Rainbow Bridge," is a major tourist attraction to this part of Arkansas and is listed on the

National Register of Historic Places, the Historic American Engineering Record, and is designated as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION: That additional funds must be found to enable necessary major repairs on the R.M. Ruthven Bridge to maintain vehicular access from the West to Cotter and the White River and ensure retention of its historic value and tourist attraction for future generations.

PASSED THIS

19th

DAY OF

October

, 2000

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