

By Legislators Burgess and Hughes-Smith

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2025

RESOLUTION FOR HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NEW YORK SCENIC BYWAY NOMINATION AND CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they created during their journey to emancipation; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to work cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by forming local byway groups, encouraging public participation, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, descendants of Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies, have strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved transportation experience that preserves, interprets, and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Monroe supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor.

Section 2. The County of Monroe confirms that they will not approve any requests for new off premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route.

Section 3. The County of Monroe will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway program development and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation and methods to advance the Scenic Byway.

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Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Transportation Committee; April 22, 2025 – CV: 8-0
File No. 25-0109

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Monroe County Legislature Office of the County Executive

April 21, 2025

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Resolution for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway
Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption

Honorable Legislators:

We recommend that this Honorable Body adopt a resolution supporting the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, confirming that Monroe County will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route, and committing to work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway program development.

The proposed 550-mile Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway ("Byway") begins at the New Jersey border in the Southern Region and travels through twenty-two counties, before concluding at Niagara Falls. Within Monroe County, the Byway route follows Route 31, except for a segment that travels down East and West Main Street in the City of Rochester.

The Byway serves to commemorate Harriet Tubman's historical impact, and will further enrich Monroe County as a destination for heritage tourism. In adopting the proposed resolution, the County would signal its commitment to protecting, preserving, and promoting the unique resources along the route.

The specific legislative action required is to adopt a resolution supporting the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, confirming that Monroe County will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route, and committing to work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway program development.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The required action is revenue neutral and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by

this Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam J. Bello
County Executive



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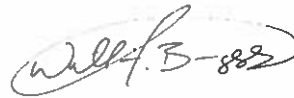
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April 7, 2025

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