VAN BUREN COUNTY QUORUM COURT

RESOLUTION <u>2013-15</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CHUCK WAGON RACES FOR THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT IT HAS.

WHEREAS: Tourism is a \$55 million ANNUAL Revenue business for Van Buren County; and

WHEREAS: The National Championship Chuck Wagon Race during Labor Day weekend is a 28 year institution in Van Buren County; and

WHEREAS: Dan and Peggy Eoff, family, and friends have grown this event from a few hundred people in 1986 to an event that now attracts an estimation of 20,000 visitors from all over the world annually; and

WHEREAS: This event starts bringing tourists to Van Buren County the weekend prior to the Labor Day weekend and continues to attract more and more visitors until the end of the three (3) day event; and

WHEREAS: The economic impact of the National Chuck Wagon Race for Van Buren County is estimated to be \$5 million annually; and

WHEREAS: The 28-year economic impact for Van Buren County is estimated to be \$100 million; and

WHEREAS: It also brings employment to many Van Buren County citizens during the preparation, actual event and clean-up; and

WHEREAS: Many non-profit associations use this event to raise funds such as the Van Buren County Senior Center's "Cowboy Catfish Supper", the Masonic Lodge concession booth at the races, and many more organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

We strongly support the National Championship Chuck Wagon Races, now and in the future, for its positive economic impact on Van Buren County.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 19^{TH} DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013

APPROVED

Roger Mooper, County Judge

ATTEST:

Bobbye Bennett, County Clerk



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