

**Resolution #TC-15-4-4**

Resolution for Approval of Tracks Across Borders Scenic and Historic Byway

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 16, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 the Colorado Department of Transportation established the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA); and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, Colorado has designated 25 Scenic and Historic Byways throughout the state, eleven of which are nationally recognized as part of America's Byways; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado offers abundant and easily accessible opportunities for viewing and visiting scenic, recreational, historical, educational, scientific, geological, natural, cultural and ethnic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, a new byway has been proposed that travels along the Colorado and New Mexico border between Durango, Colorado and Chama, New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, this route offers many unique Colorado stories related to the railroad, Native American and Hispanic culture and prehistory that are not offered by other Colorado Byways; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed Byway's primary feature is one of Colorado's greatest stories – the creation and development of the state's first and largest narrow gauge railroad system – the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scenic and Historic Byways Commission has reviewed, approved and recommends the nomination for designation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission approves the nomination and designation of the proposed Tracks Across Borders Byway.

*Herman J. Stockinger III*

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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