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**CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO.: _____**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOBOKEN HISTORICAL
MUSEUM'S OPEN RIVER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Hoboken Historical Museum and Cultural Center has been selected out of 433 applicants across the United States, and the only applicant from New Jersey, for the honor of being one of the 167 museums in 46 states and Puerto Rico selected to receive a 2009 federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Museums for America (MFA) grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums, creating strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations, such as the Hoboken Historical Museum, to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge enhancing learning and innovation; and,

WHEREAS, the Museum's Open River two-year program has been recognized by the Institute for preserving Hoboken's rich heritage and telling Hoboken's many historical stories, which is consistent with the City's efforts to preserve our historical resources, as they make a substantial contribution to our community identity, sense of place, quality of life, economic vitality and civic pride; and,

WHEREAS, the Museum's Open River program is an extension of the 2009 Hudson, Stevens, Fulton Anniversaries which mark the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration of the Hoboken Riverfront in October 1609; and,

WHEREAS, the IMLS grant allows the Museum to provide educational programming to the citizens of and visitors to Hoboken through its Open River program, which uses the Hoboken River Walk as an interpretive tool for understanding and exploring Hoboken's cultural heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the Museum has sought the City of Hoboken's support for the Open River program by the assigning of representatives from the Mayor's Office and the City Council to advise the Museum on the Open River program; and,

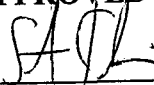
WHEREAS, the Museum intends to install historical markers, with the assistance of the City and other appropriate entities, which will be produced by the Museum to be consistent with the established Riverfront Walkway design; and,

WHEREAS, the grant project allows for the flexibility and placement of the signs and the Museum and the City agree to work together to ensure the integrity and character of the walkway and the safety of the public; and,

WHEREAS, numerous community groups including the Hoboken Historical Preservation Commission, the Veterans of American Legion Post 107, The Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse, The Quality of Life Coalition and The Hudson River Waterfront Conservancy have expressed their support for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City confirms its support for the Hoboken Historical Museum's Open River program and congratulates the Museum on being selected for the honor of an IMLS Museums for America grant, and will appoint advisory representatives to work with the Museum, and will install interpretive historical markers and signage when they are provided by the Museum at such locations that shall maintain the integrity and character of the walkway and safety of the public.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Meeting Date: December 16, 2009