

LUMPKIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUESTS THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO REDUCE THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE DAHLONEGA GOLD MUSEUM

Whereas, because of budget cutbacks, the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources has elected to reduce the operating hours of its facility, the Dahlonega Gold Museum, located on the square in downtown Dahlonega; and,

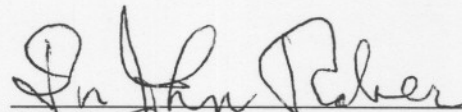
Whereas, the Dahlonega Gold Museum is the focal point for the City of Dahlonega's and Lumpkin County's tourism industry which is critical to the economic viability of our area; and,

Whereas, the reduction in the hours during which the Dahlonega Gold Museum will be open to the public will directly equate to a substantial loss in sales by local merchants, restaurants and hotels, all of which are keyed to the tourism industry; and,

Whereas, the revenue loss to local businesses will further intensify the current decline in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) collections;

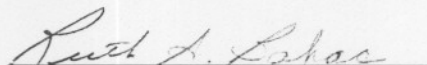
Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners wish to join the City of Dahlonega and the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce in petitioning the Governor of the State of Georgia and the Board of the Department of Natural Resources to reconsider the decision to reduce the hours of operation of the Dahlonega Gold Museum.

Resolved, adopted and effective this 11th day of June 2009.



John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County