



LINCOLN HIGHWAY PROCLAMATION BY THE INDIANA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

- WHEREAS,** Indiana-born Carl G. Fisher, auto industry executive and promoter of good roads, envisioned a “Coast to Coast Rock Highway” to unite the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Henry B. Joy, auto touring pioneer and president of Packard Motor Car Company, was energized by Fisher’s dream and convinced other early supporters to name the proposed highway the “Lincoln Highway” in memory of our 16th president; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 1, 1913, in Detroit, Michigan, the Lincoln Highway Association was formed “to procure the establishment of a continuous improved highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific ... and to be a lasting memorial to Abraham Lincoln,” with Henry Joy as president and Carl Fisher as vice-president; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lincoln Highway Association worked from 1913 to 1928 to create the Lincoln Highway through public education and sponsorship of “Seedling Miles” and an “Ideal Section” in northwest Indiana to serve as the model for future highway design; and
- WHEREAS,** the creation of a federal highway system of numbered highways in 1926 ended the era of named highways, of which the Lincoln Highway was the first and most significant example; and
- WHEREAS,** in October 1992, a new Lincoln Highway Association was established, whose mission is to “identify, preserve, interpret, and improve access to the Lincoln Highway and its associated sites;” and the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association was formed in 2007 with a goal of obtaining state byway status for the route across Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association continues to work toward preserving the route and road related resources and works toward promoting the route for the good of the people of Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of La Porte, Indiana has supported efforts to preserve and promote the Lincoln Highway, and to educate citizens about its history by supporting the creation of an interpretive kiosk; and
- WHEREAS,** Jim Bevins and Fred Sachtleben, both residents of La Porte County, have worked tirelessly to create a Lincoln Highway interpretive kiosk; and Michael B. Seitz, President, La Porte Chamber of Commerce, has provided significant leadership for the Lincoln Highway Byway in Indiana;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jan Shupert-Arick, President, Indiana Lincoln Highway Association, do hereby proclaim the City of La Porte an official Lincoln Highway Town.
