



"A CONTINUOUS CONNECTING IMPROVED HIGHWAY FROM THE
ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC"



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PROCLAMATION BY THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, IN 1919 THE UNITED STATES ARMY EMBARKED ON A CROSS COUNTRY CONVOY FROM WASHINGTON, DC TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA FOLLOWING THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF MOBILIZING OUR MILITARY FORCES BY MOTOR CONVOY; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONVOY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS JOURNEY BRINGING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ROADS AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN FUTURE TRANSPORTATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION IS DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC MILITARY TRANSPORT; AND

WHEREAS, THE MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION 2009 CONVOY SUCCESSFULLY REENACTED THE 1919 CONVOY ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY AND CREATED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY IN PROMOTING THE NEED FOR GOOD ROADS IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, TERRY SHELSWELL SO SUPERBLY ORGANIZED THIS CONVOY, AND EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE CONVOY SO CAPABLY CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS.

NOW THEREFORE, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, AS PRESIDENT OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION, I DO PROCLAIM TERRY SHELSWELL AND EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE 2009 MVPA CONVOY A "FRIEND OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY."

ROBERT A. DIETERICH, PRESIDENT
LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION