

# KANKAKEE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

## RESOLUTION: 2016-01

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**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Kankakee Valley Historical Society is to promote interest in and to help preserve and protect the rich and diverse history and cultures in the Kankakee River area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kankakee Valley Historical Society has co-sponsored eight different archeological digs in southern Porter County, Indiana in partnership with Notre Dame University. The archeological finds have provided significant insight into the lives of the prehistoric Native Americans who once called southern Porter County, Indiana their home; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. has filed a request to construct and operate a 278 mile rail line severing the southern half of the Porter County from the northern portion of the county, interfering with natural surface water drainage, and threatening ancient Native American burial sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kankakee Valley Historical Society is desirous of adding its voice to the numerous municipalities, school superintendents, business owners, union leaders, and other environmental and historical groups who are alarmed at the significant detrimental impact such a rail line would inflict upon the members of the historical society and the entire population of this Region;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the undersigned that the Kankakee Valley Historical Society opposes the proposed rail line and requests that the Surface Transportation Board deny the application filed by the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. in its entirety.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** by the Kankakee Valley Historical Society this 28th day of April, 2016.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hodson, President