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Mr. Thom Thomas & Ms. Patty Wissinger

Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area Study US Department of the Interior National Park Service, Denver Service Center 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287

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Dear Mr. Thomas & Ms. Wissinger:

I would like to wholeheartedly endorse Cleveland County's inclusion as part of the new US Heritage Area to be called the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area.

March 16, 2009

As I am sure you are aware, Cleveland County played an integral role in the United States' victory in the American Revolution. The county was the site of the famous Battle of Kings Mountain, which Thomas Jefferson called "the turn of the tide of success." The county was also home to several important Revolutionary figures, including General Isaac Shelby and Colonel William Graham. The name of the county serves to honor Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, who played a pivotal role in the Battle of Kings Mountain. With such a rich history, I believe that Cleveland County is deserving of inclusion in this US Heritage Area.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy K. Moore

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