

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
For an Informed Statewide Rail Plan**

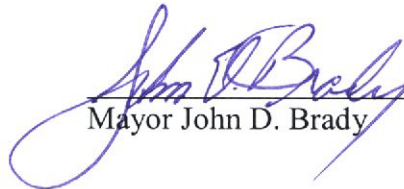
WHEREAS, high-speed, passenger rail service that connects major metropolitan areas and regional economic centers continues to gain support federally and regionally as an efficient mode of transportation;

WHEREAS, a Chicago to Twin Cities connection is already under strong consideration at state, regional and federal levels;

WHEREAS, any rail investment of this magnitude will have a multi-generational impact and therefore needs to take a long-term view of how best to serve the most people, maximize benefits for users of the service and the entire region, and have the best chance for financial viability;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mankato City Council encourages Mn/DOT to include an objective analysis of all potential routes for a high-speed rail line connecting Chicago to the Twin Cities in its statewide rail planning process to ensure that a route is selected that offers the greatest public benefit to the citizens and economy of Minnesota.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2009.



Mayor John D. Brady

ATTEST:



Cheryl S. Lindquist, CMC
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