

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A FEMA STAFFING
FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Mankato Department of Public Safety has identified a need to staff two fire stations continuously to maintain adequate response times and emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, the department has adjusted its staffing model to open two fire stations on a part time basis beginning in December of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1720 describes a goal of 15 firefighters on scene of a fire within 9 minutes of dispatch; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has appropriated \$324 million in grant funds to support the goal of enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Program provides funding directly to fire departments to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate fire protection; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant reimburses 75% of firefighter salary and benefits for a period of two years, and 35% of firefighter salary and benefits for the third year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mankato that the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to apply for grant funding under the SAFER program.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Dated the 23rd day of June 2025.

Najwa Massad
Mayor

Attest: _____
Renae Kopischke, MMC
City Clerk