**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO 35-FOOT CLASS 700 LOW FLOOR HEAVY DUTY BUSES THROUGH THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSIT BUS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS;** the City of Mankato operates a public transit system; and

**WHEREAS;** the City of Mankato desires to purchase, through the State of Washington Transit Bus Cooperative Contract; and

**WHEREAS;** the 2026 Annual Budget (Internal Service Fund) programs $290,800 for two Class 700 replacement bus; and

**WHEREAS;** the vehicle cost is allocated 85% Federal share, 0% State share, and 15% local share ($254,390) for two Class 700 low floor heavy duty bus; and

**WHEREAS;** the City of Mankato has reviewed the vehicle options offered by approved multiple contracting vendors; and

**WHEREAS;** the staff recommends purchasing Class 700 Gillig low floor heavy duty buses from Gillig LLC for the reason of cost, fleet consistency, service availability, and past vendor performance: and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Mankato hereby authorizes the purchase of two new transit bus from Gillig LLC in the approximate amount of $1,695,930. The City Manager is authorized and directed to use fund reserves not to exceed $1,695,930 to cover the Equipment Replacement Fund increased expenditures.

This resolution shall become effective upon its passage without further publication.

Passed this 28th day of September 2026.

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Najwa Massad, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Renae Kopischke, MMC
City Clerk