RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 29-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 $143,400 for a Class 400 replacement bus; and

WHEREAS; Central Garage recommends transitioning from a Class 400 to a 29-foot Class 700 bus for fixed route use; and

WHEREAS; the vehicle cost is allocated 85% Federal share, 0% State share, and 15% local share ($52,500) of Section 5339a funds; and

WHEREAS; the vehicle cost is further allocated 80% Federal share, 0% State share, and 20% local share ($97,910) of Section 5307 funds; 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 a new transit bus from Gillig LLC in the approximate amount of $839,548. The City Manager is authorized and directed to use fund reserves not to exceed $839,548 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