

RESOLUTION #12-XX-XXX

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL AND BIKEWAY IN MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, access to parks, trails, and recreation areas, are essential to the quality of life, health and welfare of the city of Ramsey and the state's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is well known throughout America and the world; and

WHEREAS, the landscape, natural resources and waters centered upon the Mississippi River are beautiful and inspiring to residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is a corridor of great natural significance and historical importance within Minnesota and America; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail is a bicycle route that offers an opportunity for extraordinary adventure along the entire river from the Headwaters in Lake Itasca State Park in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail relies at times exclusively on existing highway shoulders, and also low-volume paved roads and paved recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, the route will likely evolve and improve as road improvements are made and suitable paved recreational trails become available; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Trail will generate additional economic activity within Mississippi River host communities, the COR and Ramsey's businesses; and

WHEREAS, a continuous string of local resolutions of support for the Mississippi River Trail will strengthen individual *and* collective funding requests for projects that protect, enhance or promote resources that enrich the traveler's experience; and

WHEREAS, even though the Minnesota Department of Transportation will continue to maintain statewide mapping and information regarding the Mississippi River Trail, convene meetings and facilitate the resolution of issues and alignment selection within the State, the Mississippi River Trail will be managed collaboratively by all road, park and trail authorities that comprise the trail; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA:

that the city of Ramsey wholeheartedly supports and endorses the collective efforts of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and other road and trail authorities that comprise the *Mississippi River Trail* and will participate in ongoing collaborative discussions, and in matters of a general nature regarding the operation and location of the Mississippi River Trail within its administrative boundaries..

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

none

and the following abstained:

none

and the following were absent:

none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this day of, 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk