

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-102S

RESOLUTION BY INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR COAST GUARD PROTECTION FOR LAKE MICHIGAN WATERS NEAR RACINE COUNTY

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, the Racine County Sheriff’s Department’s Water Patrol provides services that are vital to Lake Michigan boaters based in Racine County; and

WHEREAS, the Racine County Sheriff’s Department’s Water Safety Patrol provides services that are vital to boaters operating on Lake Michigan near Racine County, regardless of their homeports; and

WHEREAS, the Racine County Sheriff’s Department’s Water Safety Patrol staff members can and have provided a safety net for boats in distress on Lake Michigan near Racine County, providing a more rapid response time than could be expected from Coast Guard surface units stationed in either Kenosha or Milwaukee;

WHEREAS, although Racine County taxpayers have funded a non-mandated Lake Michigan water patrol since the 1970’s, Racine County’s budget for 2006 does not permit this service to be operated at the level local boaters have come to expect and rely upon; and

WHEREAS, in this era of international terrorism, unprecedented challenges to homeland security make it imperative that the citizens of Racine County be protected from waterborne, as well as land-based and airborne, threats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County requests the United States government either to provide financial assistance for Racine County’s Water Safety Patrol or to provide Coast Guard protection for boaters operating on Lake Michigan near Racine County that is comparable in quality and timeliness to the protection provided boaters operating near Milwaukee and Kenosha Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Senators Kohl and Feingold and Congressman Ryan.

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INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS

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Daniel Sharkozy, Sponsor

16 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority
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20 Corporation Counsel

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