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3 **RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE**
4 **PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE**
5 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN:**
6 **2015-2020**

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8 **TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:**
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Milwaukee 7 (M7), the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning
11 Commission (SEWRPC), and the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Economic Partnership
12 (REP) worked together in 2014 and 2015 to develop a Comprehensive Economic
13 Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, which includes the
14 Counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and
15 Waukesha; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the CEDS recommends that economic development efforts focus on
18 strengthening the Region’s economy through business exports, workforce development,
19 innovation and entrepreneurship, economic place-making, infrastructure improvements,
20 and enhanced public-private and interagency cooperation; identifies key cluster industries
21 believed to have the best potential for economic growth, expansion, and attraction in
22 Southeastern Wisconsin; and includes an action plan and proposed economic
23 development projects in the Region; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, in addition to setting forth a strategy for economic growth in the Region,
26 the CEDS is intended to meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Commerce -
27 Economic Development Administration (EDA) for such work, thereby buttressing efforts to
28 secure Federal funding for projects in the seven-county Region that have a particular focus
29 and impact on economic development, particularly projects that will benefit economically
30 distressed areas; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, following adoption of the CEDS by the seven County Boards in the
33 Region, SEWRPC would request designation of the Region as an Economic Development
34 District by the U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration;
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Racine County Economic Development
38 Corporation (RCEDC) has recommended that the County Board adopt the CEDS.

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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Racine County Board of
41 Supervisors:

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43 **FIRST:** That the Racine County Board of Supervisors supports the regional
44 economic development strategy set forth in the CEDS and hereby adopts the
45 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Wisconsin for the
46 period 2015 through 2020.

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48 **SECOND:** That the Racine County Board of Supervisors supports the formation of
49 an Economic Development District for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region by SEWRPC,
50 with assistance to be provided by the M7 and REP, which would align local, county, and
51 regional economic development efforts to carry out the recommendations of the CEDS.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk transmit a certified copy of this
5 resolution to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (W239 N1812
6 Rockwood Drive, PO Box 1607, Waukesha, WI 53187) within seven (7) days after this
7 resolution is adopted.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 1st Reading _____

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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13 2nd Reading _____

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15 **BOARD ACTION**

Mark M. Gleason, Chairman

16 Adopted _____

17 For _____

18 Against _____

19 Absent _____

Robert D. Grove, Vice-Chairman

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21 **VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

Mike Dawson, Secretary

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23 Prepared by:
24 Public Works & Development
25 Services Department

Thomas Pringle

Monte G. Osterman

Tom Hincz

Thomas Roanhouse

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38 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County,**
39 **Wisconsin, is hereby:**

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41 **Approved:** _____

42 **Vetoed:** _____

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44 **Date:** _____,

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Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive