

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45**

**RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVING MERGER OF LAKESHORES LIBRARY SYSTEM WITH ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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

**WHEREAS**, Racine County and Walworth County have partnered to establish a federated public library system known as the Lakeshores Library System pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 43.15(4); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakeshores Library System Board expressed interest in exploring a merger with the Arrowhead Library System based on member library feedback and interest, and;

**WHEREAS**, each system board appointed representatives to a Joint Merger Exploration Committee, which evaluated the potential benefits or pitfalls of a merger, and the Committee recommended a merger of the systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakeshores Library System Board has determined that a merger is in the best interests of both systems and is requesting County approval, a copy of which request is on file with the County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, approval is required of all County Boards impacted by the proposed merger.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Racine County Board gives its approval to the merger of the Lakeshores Library System with Arrowhead Library System pursuant to the terms of the Prairie Lakes Public Library System Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference and is on file with the County Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County shall, for the purpose of satisfying Wis. Stat. § 43.11, adopt and maintain a County Plan of Library Service with respect to the new system until such time as the plan can be updated or replaced by the County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County shall, for the purpose of satisfying Wis. Stat. § 43.19(1)(b)(1), appoint a number of trustees to serve on the Library System Board according to (a) the County’s proportion of total system area population as of 2021 and (b) a Library System Board total.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to submit certified copies of this Resolution to the Arrowhead Library System, Lakeshores Library System, and such other entities as may be necessary to effectuate the merger.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD ACTION

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Thomas E. Roanhouse, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

Against \_\_\_\_\_

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Tom Kramer, Vice-Chairman

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Robert N. Miller, Secretary

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VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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Jason Eckman

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**The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
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**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_,

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39 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**

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