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3 RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND
4 USE PLANNING COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING RACINE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A
5 NEW FIVE-YEAR COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN
6 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE UNITED STATES
7 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM

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9 TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

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11 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County
12 is authorized to enter into a new five-year cooperative service agreement with the
13 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of
14 Agriculture, that is attached hereto as *Exhibit A* and is on file in the County Clerk’s Office,
15 to participate in a damage abatement and claims program for damage done by black
16 bears, cougars, white-tailed deer, elk, Canada geese, wild turkeys, and sandhill cranes
17 in Racine County on agricultural lands, which agreement shall contain the following
18 provisions:

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20 1. That the County shall not be required to provide any funds for said program or
21 project and will administer funds from the State of Wisconsin or the federal
22 government.
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24 2. That the program is contingent on funding from the state and federal agencies.
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26 3. That the County shall administer the program and that the management of the
27 program is hereby delegated to the Racine County Land & Water Conservation
28 Committee (subcommittee of EDLUP committee).
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30 4. That the United States Department of Agriculture and the Wisconsin Department
31 of Natural Resources shall set the rules and requirements for any claims for
32 damage to agricultural land.
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34 5. Such other terms and conditions as the Corporation Counsel deems appropriate.
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that
37 Racine County hereby authorizes continuation in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and
38 Claims Program.

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that
41 Racine County is authorized to enter into permanent fence contracts pursuant to said
42 contract.
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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that
5 any two of the County Clerk, the County Executive and/or the County Board Chairman
6 are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to
7 carry out the intent of this resolution.
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9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 1st Reading _____
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13 2nd Reading _____
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE
PLANNING COMMITTEE

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16 BOARD ACTION
17 Adopted _____
18 For _____
19 Against _____
20 Absent _____
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Robert Grove, Chairman

Jason Eckman, Vice-Chairman

22 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Tom Kramer, Secretary

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24 Prepared by:
25 Public Works & Development
26 Services Department
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Greg Horeth

Tom Rutkowski

Taylor Wishau

Olga White

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36 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County,**
37 **Wisconsin, is hereby:**
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39 **Approved:** _____

40 **Vetoed:** _____

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42 **Date:** _____,
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45 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**
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INFORMATION ONLY

WHEREAS, this program is at no cost to Racine County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, this program recognizes crop damage by black bear, cougar, white-tailed deer, elk, Canada geese, wild turkey and sandhill crane and addresses wildlife management and control on agricultural land in Racine County.

WHEREAS, there is a need to authorize the execution of a new five-year agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the current five-year contract expires on December 31, 2023.