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3 **RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE IN**
4 **SUPPORT OF URGING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE**
5 **LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE BUDGET.**
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7 To the Honorable members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:
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9 **WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2024, the State of Wisconsin had a forecasted
10 budget surplus of \$3.25 billion.
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12 **WHEREAS**, the state Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) budget increased
13 by only 1.51% since the 2019 biennium budget from \$376,733,000 to \$382,430,200 in
14 the 2023 biennium budget.
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16 **WHEREAS**, in 2023 WisDOT instructed Racine County to halt further spending
17 of the Routine Maintenance budget due to winter weather expenditures throughout the
18 state.
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20 **WHEREAS**, Racine County's Highway Operations schedule and budget were
21 negatively affected due to WisDOT's directive to cease Routine Maintenance spending.
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23 **WHEREAS**, the bureau of Highway Maintenance has added 10% inflation to the
24 equipment rate calculation due to the cost to procure equipment.
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26 **WHEREAS**, the RMA, which funds the equipment rates, has not received
27 adequate funding to absorb the increase.
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29 **WHEREAS**, inadequate funding for RMA has resulted in further limiting of
30 projects.
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32 **WHEREAS**, the insufficient funding will cause deferred maintenance on
33 roadways which will result in infrastructure failure and more expensive future projects.
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35 **WHEREAS**, without additional state funds for road maintenance, the county may
36 need to further reduce the number of projects that can be completed.
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38 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Racine County Board of Supervisors, in an effort to
39 assist the Wisconsin Counties Highway Association and the Wisconsin Counties
40 Association, support the request for additional funding through budgetary surplus with
41 said funding allocated to the county routine maintenance fund.
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor
44 Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Racine County, the
45 Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.
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4 Respectfully submitted,

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6 **PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES**
7 **COMMITTEE**

8 1st Reading _____
9 2nd Reading _____

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11 Robert D. Grove, Chairman

12 BOARD ACTION
13 Adopted _____
14 For _____
15 Against _____
16 Absent _____

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18 Tom Kramer, Vice-Chairman

19 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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21 Eric Hopkins, Secretary

22 Prepared by:
23 Public Works and Development
24 Services Department

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26 Jessica Malacara

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28 Marlo Harmon

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30 Greg Horeth

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32 Vacant

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

35 **Approved:** _____

36 **Vetoed:** _____

37 **Date:** _____,

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40 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**