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3 **RESOLUTION: Support the State of Wisconsin's Efforts to Provide Funding Opportunities for the**
4 **Navigational Buoys Located within the Winnebago System.**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, the "Winnebago System" is one of Wisconsin's most significant water resources. The system
8 comprises 17% of the state's surface water acreage. Lake Winnebago, at 137,700 acres is the state's largest inland
9 lake; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there are a total of 58 public and private boat launch sites located around the shoreline of Lake
11 Winnebago that provide tourism and recreational opportunities to all residents located within the state and to visitors
12 from outside of Wisconsin; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the buoys are vital for providing safety for all tourists and boaters that are utilizing the
14 Winnebago System that includes many hazards such as reefs and shallow waters; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County Parks Department owns and maintains 118 navigational buoys located on
16 Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte Des Morts, and Lake Poygan; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the average yearly cost per navigational buoy is roughly \$447.37 per buoy which is presently
18 only being supported by Winnebago County residents; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in October 2021, State Senator Roger Roth and State Representative Rachael Cabral-Guevara
20 were joined by area legislators to introduce legislation ([SB 544/AB 543](#)) to make the navigational buoys in the
21 Winnebago System an eligible project for reimbursement from the recreational boat fund (RBF).

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
23 supports the State of Wisconsin's efforts to provide funding opportunities for the Navigational Buoys located within
24 the Winnebago System.

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26 **Fiscal Impact:** In 2019, the County Parks Department spent \$144,443 on the navigational buoys.

27 In 2020, the County Parks Department spent \$69,555 on the navigational buoys.

28 In 2021, the County Parks Department spent \$68,885 on the navigational buoys.

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30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

32 Committee Vote: **5-0**

33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **8-1 (7 excused)**

36 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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38 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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Winnebago County Executive