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January 30, 2024

To: The Honorable Goodhue County Board of Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

From: Earl Merchlewitz, Emergency Management Director

Regarding: Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency for Flooding beginning March 13, 2023

Background: Beginning on March 13, 2023, Goodhue County experienced flooding that caused extensive damage to the public infrastructure within Goodhue County.

Current Situation: This storm did not qualify for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. In 2014, the Governor signed legislation establishing the state's Disaster Assistance Contingency Account to assist local communities after a natural disaster, *even* when federal aid is not available. For Goodhue County to qualify for the state's Disaster Assistance Program, the dollar amount for damages to public infrastructures is required to be at least \$105,632.02. To date, the estimated dollar amount of damages to local communities and partners is \$162,958.

Recommendation: The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office recommends the County Board sign the resolution so we can begin the process of Disaster Assistance for the entities that need it.

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Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
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Dear Governor Walz:

Beginning on March 13th, 2023, Goodhue County was impacted by flooding across a large section of the county. This flooding caused extensive damage to the public infrastructure within Goodhue County.

Goodhue County has declared a local emergency in response to this disaster.

Goodhue County submitted a Damage and Impact Assessment Report to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) which indicated flood-related damages in excess of \$162,958. As a result of our initial damage estimates, Goodhue County requested HSEM to conduct a state Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), which was conducted on December 5th, 2023.

The PDA revealed the flood-related costs and damages to our public infrastructure at \$132,140. This amount exceeded Goodhue County's State Damage indicator.

Goodhue County is requesting state disaster assistance in accordance with Minnesota Statue 12b.30. Goodhue County understands that this is a 75% reimbursement program.

Sincerely,

Scott Arneson
Goodhue County Administrator

Earl Merchlewitz
Goodhue County Emergency Manager

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Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency

WHEREAS starting on March 13th, 2023, flooding and rains impacted the population of Goodhue County and its cities; and

WHEREAS the flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Goodhue County Emergency Management requests the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners to declare Goodhue County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the flooding event starting on March 13th, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners declares Goodhue County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the flooding event starting on March *13th, 2023*.

Adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

I, Scott Arneson, County Administrator, hereby attest that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners on the ___ day of _____, 2023.

Todd Greseth, Goodhue County Board Chairman

Scott Arneson, Goodhue County Administrator