

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize an Agreement With the Department of Natural Resources for**
3 **Winnebago County to Operate the Tribal Heritage Crossing of the**
4 **WIOUWASH Trail**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) desires to enter into an operational
8 agreement with Winnebago County to facilitate the maintenance and management of a new segment of WIOUWASH
9 Trail owned by the State and recognized as Tribal Heritage Crossing of WIOUWASH State Recreational Trail; and

10 **WHEREAS**, such a transaction is similar to the agreement made between the DNR and Winnebago County
11 in 1994 when Winnebago County assumed maintenance responsibilities for the one (1) mile section of WIOUWASH
12 Trail running between Marine Drive and the Wisconsin Street Bridge in the City of Oshkosh; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Parks and Recreation Committee believes that the characteristics of this
14 trail crossing on the Lake Butte de Morts Bridge will be a tremendous asset to Winnebago County as it will not only
15 attract great interest from persons interested in viewing the 11 kiosks dedicated to Native American Heritage in our
16 state but will also facilitate fishing access at a key spot within the Winnebago County waterways; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Parks Department is in the process of completing final trail maintenance
18 tasks requires as part of the arrangements for turning over operation of the Marine Drive to Wisconsin Street Bridge
19 segment of the WIOUWASH Trail to the City of Oshkosh in order to offset added costs associated with maintaining
20 the Tribal Heritage Crossing of the WIOUWASH State Recreational Trail.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
22 authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk to enter into an agreement between
23 Winnebago County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Winnebago County to operate and
24 maintain the Tribal Heritage Crossing of the WIOUWASH State Recreational Trail for a period from October 1, 2013,
25 through September 30, 2033..

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of said
27 agreement is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution by reference.
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29 **Fiscal Note:** As suggested in the above narrative, the trade-off in maintenance costs between what Winnebago
30 County will pay out in operating the Tribal Heritage Crossing of the WIOUWASH State Recreational
31 Trail versus what it will save the termination of maintenance obligation for the marine Drive to
32 Wisconsin Street Bridge section of the WIOUWASH Trail is expected to be even.
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35 Respectfully submitted by:

36 **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

37 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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

39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2014.
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43 Mark L Harris
44 Winnebago County Executive