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3 **RESOLUTION: Proclamation in Support of the Fox-**
4 **Wisconsin Heritage Parkway**

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

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9 **WHEREAS**, two significant waterways, the Fox River and the Wisconsin River, have a history that dates
10 back more than 12,000 years, beginning with use by American Indians, and after being rediscovered by European
11 explorers Father Marquette and Louis Joliet, both rivers played an integral role in opening up the Midwestern United
12 States; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway was formed to exemplify and promote the natural,
15 recreational, and historic resources within the Fox River and Wisconsin River corridors, as well as to create
16 additional opportunities for historic interpretation, education, recreation, and tourism; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, as part of the project's 10 year undertaking, seventeen (17) lock sites and the historic structure
19 of the Parkway stretching 280 miles from Prairie du Chien to the port of Green Bay have been transferred to the
20 State of Wisconsin, with the majority undergoing restoration; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, plans are progressing for the Parkway to receive the National Park Service's National Heritage
23 Area (NHA) designation in order to increase the awareness of the cultural, historical, and recreational resources that
24 the waterway has to offer; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway will result in increased tourism, transportation, and
27 economic development as the area becomes a year-round heritage tourism destination that will result in an overall
28 boast to Wisconsin's economy by:

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- Enhancing and promoting historic sites;
 - Highlighting the versatility and abundance of natural areas;
 - Promoting local events;
 - Opening a water trail;
 - Connecting existing land trails;
 - Developing scenic routes;
 - Providing outdoor enthusiasts with more recreational activities and public access;
 - Bringing new businesses, jobs, higher property values, and tourism; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway will provide a greater sense of identity across municipal
40 boundaries along the Fox River and Wisconsin River, promoting regionalism and opportunities for greater shared
41 resource management; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, the Heritage Parkway Board and its affiliate organizations, sponsors, and volunteers are asking
44 for help in keeping the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway's opportunities alive for the community of today and
45 tomorrow with a continuing effort to revitalize the waterway as an economic, environmental, and recreational
46 resource.

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49 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
50 recognizes the importance of the mission and vision of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago County
54 also recognizes that when environmental heritage and tourism-related entities partner with communities, the historic,
55 cultural, and natural resources are more effectively preserved, interpreted, and promoted.

58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago County
59 and the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway agree to engage in collaborative projects that serve to build, promote, and
60 sustain each other's missions.
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63 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago County
64 and the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway agree to promote initiatives that are mutually inclusive, such as marketing,
65 promotion, special events, resource management, interpretive and visitor services, and project planning and
66 implementation.
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69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago County
70 commits to an annual contribution of \$150, to be paid from Parks Department funds to the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage
71 Parkway, to demonstrate support for the mission of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway and to become an official
72 partner.
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75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon conference of
76 the status of official partnership with the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, Winnebago County is entitled to partner
77 benefits including:
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- 79 • Recognition in Parkway communication
 - 80 • Receipt of regular Parkway-related communications and updates
 - 81 • Sponsorship opportunities at Parkway events.
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84 Submitted by:

85 **PARKS COMMITTEE**

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97 Committee Vote:

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100 Vote Required for Passage:

101 **Majority of Those Present**

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104 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of March, 2012.
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107 Mark L Harris
108 Winnebago County Executive
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