

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LEVY AUTHORITY FOR SWCDS

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are a political subdivision of the state of Minnesota organized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C, governed by a 5 member elected board of supervisors, elected at the November General Election; and,

WHEREAS, The Carlton SWCD has a 59 year history of providing assistance to Carlton County land occupiers for the purpose of natural resource protection and enhancement as directed by MN Statute 103C and furthermore by the Carlton SWCD’s mission; and,

WHEREAS, The SWCD board has no authority to generate local funding to cover SWCD operations and therefore is limited in its ability to provide stability of program delivery and employment for the professional staff employed to carry out SWCD operations; and,

WHEREAS, The Carlton SWCD values any opportunity to educate Carlton County landowners in the value the SWCD brings to all residents through the protection and enhancement of Carlton County’s natural resources including clean water, healthy soils and productive working forests; and,

WHEREAS, A resolution directing MASWCD to “actively pursue statutory funding authority for SWCDs” passed with 72% approval in pre-convention balloting eliminating the need for discussion on the 2019 MASWCD convention floor; and,

WHEREAS, Legislation is being considered to give SWCDs Levy Authority,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that; the Carlton SWCD supports Legislation that provides for SWCD’s ability to levy a tax for the purpose of carrying out its duties identified in MN Statute 103C.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Carlton County SWCD Board at its regular monthly board meeting held on this the 9th day of March, 2020,

and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Russell S Kad

Carlton County SWCD Board Chair

(Signature)