GNESEN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 23-15 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE RICE LAKE ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is currently working on the development of the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project, located within the cities of Duluth and Rice Lake; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this project are to improve traffic operations and traffic safety while supporting future residential and business development along the Rice Lake Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, Rice Lake Road, also known as County State Aid Highway No. 4, is a significant regional route because it connects the residents and businesses in Gnesen Township to the Twin Ports Metropolitan Area which includes the cities of Duluth, Hermantown and Rice Lake; and

WHERAS, the future success of Rice Lake Road is expected to benefit the residents and businesses in Gnesen Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is seeking funding for the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project through the RAISE Grant (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) which is grant program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of supervisors of Gnesen Township supports St. Louis County's vision for the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the board of supervisors of Gnesen Township supports St. Louis County's funding application to the RAISE Grant for the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project.

Adopted this 25^{m} day of September 2023

Jon Nelson, Town Chair

Sarah Blix Town Clerk