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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Scott O. Arneson

Date: May 30, 2019

Re: Resolution of Support

Staff recommends the county board approve the proposed resolution in support of Prairie Island Indian Community in its efforts to establish the Elk Run Property as additional reservation land for the Community.

## GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

June 4, 2019

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WHEREAS, the Prairie Island Indian Community and their ancestors have lived in what is now Minnesota since long before European contact, and have historic ties to the Pine Island area in southern Goodhue and northern Olmstead Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Community's existing Reservation, located on an island along the Mississippi River, is threatened by flooding of portions of the Community's lands and has other significant safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Community has acquired land near Pine Island, commonly known as the "Elk Run Property" and seeks Congressional confirmation of this land as an additional reservation for the Community and its people; and

WHEREAS, the Community has committed to working with the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners and other stakeholders in the region; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Elk Run Property has the potential to bring jobs and economic development to the region in addition to the safety and security of the Community and its people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners supports the Prairie Island Indian Community in its efforts to establish the Elk Run Property as additional reservation land for the Community, and urges the members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation to similarly support such efforts through the enactment of appropriate federal legislation confirming the reservation status of these lands.

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State of Minnesota  
County of Goodhue

Majerus	Yes	___	No	___
Drotos	Yes	___	No	___
Nesseth	Yes	___	No	___
Anderson	Yes	___	No	___

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I, Scott O. Arneson, duly appointed, County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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Scott O. Arneson  
County Administrator

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