

[COUNTY/CITY OF _____]

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE
FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 14**

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 14 serves a vital role in connecting individuals and businesses in communities across southern Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the Corridors of Commerce program was created and funded by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013 for the specific purpose of funding the expansion and improvement of interregional corridors like U.S. Highway 14, which play an important role in the movement of freight and people between regions of our State;

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 14 remains the most densely populated highway corridor in Greater Minnesota without a continuous four-lane connection;

WHEREAS, the remaining two-lane segments of U.S. Highway 14 between Rochester and New Ulm remain dangerous and deadly stretches of road;

WHEREAS, freight movement makes up a significant portion of the traffic on U.S. Highway 14, and the four-lane expansion of the corridor would not only facilitate commerce, but allow passenger vehicles to more safely share the road with heavy commercial vehicles;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has repeatedly recognized that the four-lane expansion of Highway 14 is necessary, having previously invested nearly \$400 million in expansion and safety projects along the corridor;

WHEREAS, completing the four-lane expansion of U.S. Highway 14 will enhance commerce and create new economic development opportunities for southern Minnesota, with benefits that will resound across the State;

WHEREAS, communities across southern Minnesota, including (NAME OF COUNTY/CITY) have publicly voiced their support for this project through their membership in the U.S. Highway 14 Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (NAME OF COUNTY/CITY) supports the use of Corridors of Commerce funding to expand U.S. Highway 14 to four lanes between Rochester and New Ulm or any segment thereof, including the funding of engineering and right-of-way acquisition needed to facilitate such expansion.