

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the County of Aitkin, Minnesota has sustained severe losses of a major proportion, brought on by precipitation and flash flooding on the dates of July 11 and 12, 2016, and wind and storm events on July 20 and 21, 2016;

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist in Aitkin County as a result of the disaster: significant damage to public infrastructure including roads, bridges, culverts and ATV trails, as well as private property damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of and for the people of Aitkin County, declare that a state of emergency exists within Aitkin County, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12 of Minnesota Statutes, this resolution supersedes and amends the resolution declaring a disaster in Aitkin County passed on July 12, 2016.

Commissioner Niemi moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

(4-0 Marcotte absent)

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Nathan Burkett, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 26th day of July 2016, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of July 2016.



Nathan Burkett
County Administrator

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED July 26, 2016

By Commissioner: Napstad

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Federal Awards Policy

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the need to develop a written procurement policy in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Requirement for Federal Awards; and

WHEREAS, the new procurement requirements are effective on 2015 Federal Grant Awards; and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County chooses to take advantage of a two-year grace period for implementation of the new requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County will develop the written standards in compliance with the uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards beginning in 2017.

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

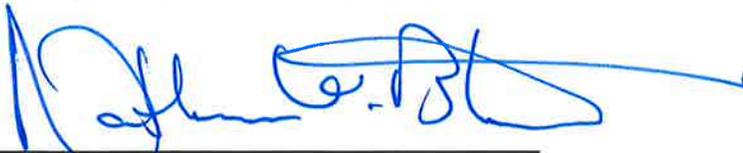
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Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Restrictions

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during July of 2016, high water elevations prevail on certain Aitkin County lakes, and

WHEREAS, wave action from wind and watercraft has and will exacerbate shoreline erosion and cause damage to real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, high-water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect property and limit environmental damage to lakes from shoreline erosion where the County can and may exert some control, the County Board of Commissioners enacts this 26th day of July, 2016, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following lakes shall have a slow-no wake restriction on the entire lake, effective immediately and concluding at 11:59 pm on August 8, 2016:

Dam	Glen
Long	Glen
Gun	Fleming
Hammal – (Bass)	Farm Island
Farm Island	Farm Island / Hazelton
Cedar	Aitkin / Farm Island
Lone	Nordland
Ripple	Nordland
Elm Island	Nordland
Clear	Glen
Little Pine	Farm Island

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon agreement of the County Administrator, Environmental Services Director and County Sheriff, the restrictions imposed by this resolution may be removed by administrative decision.

Commissioner Neimi moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

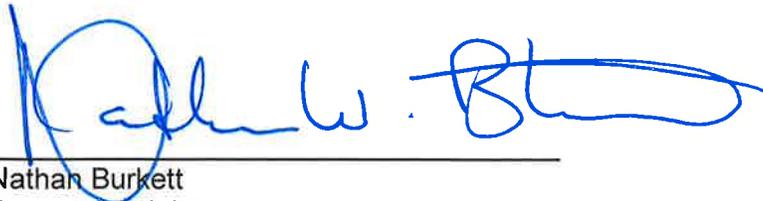
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By Commissioner: Westerlund

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Highway 18 Safety Concerns

WHEREAS, the citizens of Aitkin County are concerned about the dangers on Highway 18 on the north side of Lake Mille Lacs, and

WHEREAS, there have been several significant accidents on Highway 18 since January 2016, including a fatal hit and run incident involving a child, and

WHEREAS, there are four resorts, two restaurants, and a bar within a five mile stretch of Highway 18 with fish house parks that can easily house over 1,000 people, and

WHEREAS, on any given weekend there are hundreds of people crossing back and forth along the highway to go to the lake, the restaurant, or the park, and

WHEREAS, every weekend there are close calls on Highway 18:

- Vehicles pulling boats make wide turns into parking lots because there is no shoulder on the road
- Kids with towels, bare feet and swimsuits walk back and forth
- Speeding vehicles and semi-trucks often slam their brakes to avoid pedestrians
- All along Highway 18 there are skid marks and tire tracks through the ditches from close calls, and

WHEREAS, Highway 18 has a 55 mph speed limit with NO shoulders, heavy tree coverage, and blind corners in a popular tourist and resort area, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County Towards Zero Death (TZD) Coalition unanimously supports the citizens' movement to take all necessary steps to reduce the speed limit on portions of Minnesota State Highway 18 (between State Highway 169 and State Highway 47).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the citizens' movement and the TZD Coalition in reducing the speed limit, adding signage, and any other measures necessary to make Highway 18 safe.

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Annual Financial Audit

Declaring Aitkin County's intent to retain a CPA firm to perform its annual financial audit.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 6.481, subdivision 2 requires counties to have an annual financial audit; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 6.481, subdivision 2 permits counties to "choose to have the audit performed by the state auditor, or may choose to have the audit performed by a CPA firm"; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, Aitkin County chooses to retain the services of a CPA firm that meets the requirements established in Minnesota Statutes, section 326A.05, for its annual financial audit.

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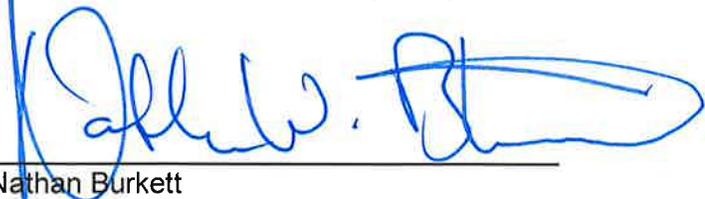
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