

## RESOLUTION 22-40

*A Resolution Requesting that Minnesota Governor Walz Declare a Special Session*

**WHEREAS**, the people of Minnesota have critical infrastructure needs, including the replacement and upgrade of aging drinking water systems, sewage treatment, roads, and bridges that cannot be delayed, and

**WHEREAS**, without additional funding through a bonding bill, cities will have to drastically raise water rates or taxes on residents and business to pay for necessary infrastructure projects made even more expensive due to inflation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Legislature failed to pass a bonding bill in the 2022 legislative session, and

**WHEREAS**, Local Government Aid (LGA) is an essential aid program to Minnesota cities, helping to restrain local property taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the LGA appropriation has not kept up with city needs and inflation, making it more difficult for cities to provide the public safety, core infrastructure, libraries, and other services without imposing significant property tax increases or service cuts, and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature failed to pass a tax bill in the 2022 legislative session that would have increased the LGA appropriation, and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Minnesota has a multi-billion-dollar budget surplus, and

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required to match millions of dollars in available federal funds;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Braham, Minnesota urges through this Resolution to Governor Walz to declare a special session and to its lawmakers to work in a bipartisan way to pass a bonding bill and a tax bill that includes an LGA increase; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to Representative Brian Johnson, Senator Mark Koran, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Senate Minority Leader Melissa Lopez Franzen, and Governor Tim Walz.

Passed by the City Council of Braham, Minnesota this 6th day of September, 2022.

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Patricia Carlson, Mayor

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Rachel Kytonen, City Administrator