Resolution endorsing the signing of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) through La Crosse, Wisconsin.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission is leading a statewide effort to mark and sign the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) through communities adjacent to the Mississippi river; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail is a bicycle route, largely on the shoulders of low-volume paved roads, offering the safest and best bicycling experience along the length of the Mississippi River, through ten states, from the headwaters at Lake Itasca in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico south of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail provides access to and promotes the scenic, historic, archaeological, cultural, recreational and natural qualities of the Mississippi River and its amenities; and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Department of Transportation recognizes the Mississippi River Trail by providing a series of maps on its website at: https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/travel/bike/bikemaps/grr.aspx; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail will contribute to healthy and ecologically sustainable recreation and transportation choices; and

WHEREAS signing increases the benefits of funding for projects that protect, enhance or promote resources that enrich the traveler's experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby endorses the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission's, requests that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation mark and sign the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) on all state and US highways under its jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of La Crosse will coordinate with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding the designation of the MRT on affected local highways, roads, streets, trails, and paths, and that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation also sign and mark them when concurrences are reached.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED the City of La Crosse will coordinate with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to develop an enhanced riverside route through the City.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on May 9, 2019.

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin