Resolution appropriating funds to support the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is vital to our nation's economy, environment, water quality, and the health and well-being of the millions of people living near it; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) includes 120 plus river communities from the headwaters to the gulf coast; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse is a proud partner of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) and works to build strong relationships with our state and federal partners; and

WHEREAS, the communities up and down the river have been asked to contribute funds to help further the goals of the MRCTI, which include providing support for trails, byways and bridges in a new Highway Transportation bill, funding a flexible USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Watershed and Flood Prevention, and funding key economic development priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby appropriates \$7,500 from the 2015 Operating Budget, General Expense Miscellaneous account for a one-time contribution to the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council directs the Finance Department and Mayor to take the actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on July 9, 2015.

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin