

Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION NO. 2312102.03 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED MINNESOTA LEGISLATION: OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL (OSFA)

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to five accredited outdoor schools, including the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center provides significant economic value to Lake County as a large employer in a very rural portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has a rich outdoor heritage and ethic, and prides itself on its close connection to nature through outdoor recreation, appreciation, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the State's children are losing their connection to the outdoors like never before. It is documented and proven that time outdoors helps children thrive. All children need access to outdoor spaces where they can safely learn, play, and grow. All Minnesotans benefit from education in environment-related subjects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lake County supports the State in the establishment of a statewide Outdoor School For All grant program to provide immersive, multiday, accredited overnight educational program learning experiences for all Minnesota students.

Adopted this 19th day of December, 2023

Commissioner Hogenson moved the approval of the foregoing resolution and the same was declared adopted upon unanimous vote of all members present. Absent: Hurd

STATE OF MINNESOTA

County of Lake } ss. Office of Clerk of the Board }

I, Matthew Huddleston, Acting Clerk of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the <u>19th</u> day of <u>December</u>, <u>2023</u>, and the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF MY OFFICE at Two Harbors, Minnesota, this <u>5th</u> day of <u>January</u> <u>2024.</u>

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Matthew Huddleston, Acting Clerk of the Board