TOWN OF RICE LAKE – RESOLUTION #20-102 Resolution For Exceeding the State Imposed Levy Limit

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602; and

Whereas, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2020 to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the Town of Rice Lake is 0.567 percent; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Rice Lake, Barron County believes it is in the town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.567 percent; and

Whereas, the Town of Rice Lake's actual levy in 2019 (collected in 2020) was \$424,496.00; and state law would limit the increase to \$2,406.89 for a total allowable 2020 (collected in 2021) town tax levy of \$426,902.89.

Now, Therefore the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Rice Lake, Barron County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The town board hereby supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2020 (to be collected in 2021) to exceed the state levy limit. The town board intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2021 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is Highway Maintenance, Highway Construction, Employee Wages and Benefits, Highway Equipment Maintenance, fire protection fees and rising technology costs.

The town board directs that the question of increasing the town tax levy for 2020 (to be collected in 2021) by 36.75 percent, which would increase the town levy by \$156,000.00 over the past year's levy, for a town tax levy of \$580,496.00, the increase to be used for Highway Maintenance, Highway Construction, Employee Wages and Benefits, Highway Equipment Maintenance, fire protection fees and rising technology costs, and shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at a special referendum election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2020.

By the Rice Lake Town Board of Supervisors

Dean A. Borofka, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Town Clerk for the Town of Rice Lake, does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by Town Board of the Town of Rice Lake at a Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting held on February 10, 2020, which meeting was properly noticed and conducted in the manner provided for by law.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2020.

Janet Tomesh, Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Rice Lake

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