

RESOLUTION 2020-05

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BONDING MONEY FOR PARKS AND TRAILS.

WHEREAS, parks and trails are an essential part of our city and

WHEREAS, parks and trails play a vital role in building healthy communities and in attracting much-needed young workers and families and retaining retirees; and

WHEREAS, recreational opportunities draw in tourists from around the state, region and nation and recreational spending is a major contributor to state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, according to a George Mason University study, local and regional parks in Minnesota generated an estimated \$2.8 billion in direct, indirect and induced economic activity in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, local parks and trails recreation grants under Minnesota Stat. 85.019 could help Oronoco in the future by funding the Regional Water trail System; and

WHEREAS, many important projects in Greater Minnesota do not qualify for funding under the Legacy Amendment and must look instead to the Minn. Stat. 85.019 programs for funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Oronoco supports an appropriation of \$4 million in general obligation bonds in 2020 for the Outdoor Recreation, Local Trails Connections and other Minn. Stat. 85.019 grant programs and urges Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, and the Legislature to include it in their proposed 2020 bonding bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Governor Tim Walz, Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Speaker of the House Rep. Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Paul Gazelka, House Capital Investment Chair Rep. Mary Murphy, Senate Capital Investment Chair Sen. David Senjem, House Environment Finance Chair Rep. Rick Hansen, Senate Environment Finance Chair Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, and Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Sarah Strommen.

Passed and adopted by the City of Oronoco this 21st day of April 2020.



Mayor Ryland Eichhorst

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk Rebecca McGuire