

Resolution No. 2024-09

A Resolution of Support for the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System

WHEREAS, access to reliable and safe water supply is essential for the health, economic stability, and overall well-being of communities within our region; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System (“DMRWS”) is a proposed initiative aimed at ensuring a sustainable and high-quality water supply for residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial needs across the region; and

WHEREAS, the DMRWS will enhance water infrastructure, improve water delivery efficiency, and provide a long-term solution to water scarcity and quality challenges faced by our communities; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the DMRWS will support economic development, attract new businesses, and provide opportunities for growth and prosperity within our region; and

WHEREAS, the DMRWS aligns with federal, state, and local goals for environmental stewardship, public health, and infrastructure resilience; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between local governments, tribal nations, and other stakeholders is crucial for the successful planning, funding, and implementation of the DMRWS; and

WHEREAS, the support and active participation of our governmental body will significantly contribute to the advancement of this vital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by City of Salem, that:

- 1. Support:** The City of Salem hereby expresses its full support for the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System and recognizes its importance for the future of our region.
- 2. Collaboration:** The City of Salem commits to working collaboratively with other local governments, tribal nations, state and federal agencies, and stakeholders to advocate for the necessary funding, resources, and policies to advance the DMRWS.
- 3. Advocacy:** The City of Salem encourages all relevant parties to prioritize the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System in legislative and budgetary decisions, recognizing the critical role it plays in ensuring a sustainable water future for our communities.
- 4. Public Awareness:** The City of Salem will support and/or engage in efforts to raise public awareness about the benefits and significance of the DMRWS, fostering community support and understanding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Salem on this 6th day of August, 2024.

(SEAL)

Glenda Blindert
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Heumiller
Finance Officer

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