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CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to apply for up to \$1,000,000 from the NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants Program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the city of Duluth has the legal authority to accept the money and financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper planning and maintenance of the project. Match is not required but leverage is encouraged.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Duluth city council names the fiscal agent for this project as Jen Carlson, City of Duluth Finance Director, 411 West 1st Street, Duluth MN 55802.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes application for \$1 million to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Partnership Grants Program to finance final, 2023, shoreline restoration work in Brighton Beach Park. Restoration will focus on using nature-based, green infrastructure solutions that may include removal of the old roadway, restoration of the old road bed, native shoreline plantings, elimination of social trails, daylighting of intermittent streams, and limited shoreline armoring. There is no required local matching contribution with this grant program.

The Brighton Beach Park mini-master plan approved by the City Council in 2019 has guided, and will continue to guide, all improvements at Brighton Beach. A primary purpose of the plan is to relocate traditional gray infrastructure - roads, trails, parking lots, utilities, etc. - from the vulnerable shoreline zone out of harms way to adjoining upland and stabilize the shoreline using nature-based, green infrastructure solutions. The plan will also improve circulation and safety for all users - motor vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians - by establishing a separate paved bike-pedestrian trail.

Please note: The potential 2023 NOAA-funded work in Brighton Beach Park will be preceded by 2022 road construction and shoreline restoration work for which the City already has funds. If awarded, the NOAA grant would be used to undertake shoreline restoration work in 2023 that the City will have insufficient funds to complete in 2022.