## 1 2018 RES-304 2 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE NORTH MENDOTA TRAIL 3 4 5 An off-road bicycle and pedestrian trail (the North Mendota Trail) along County Highway M is a long-desired recreational and transportation amenity. Dane County, along with 6 7 the Town of Westport, Village of Waunakee and City of Middleton are working to 8 complete various segments of the North Mendota Trail, which will eventually have links 9 to Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Mendota County Park, Schumacher Farm County 10 Park and Governor Nelson State Park. 11 12 The Land & Water Resources Department has recently negotiated the acquisition of a 13 multi-use conservation and trail easement over approximately 5.8 acres of a larger 14 parcel known as the Community of Bishops Bay, just west of and running parallel to 15 County Highway M in the Town of Westport. The easement will result in a nearly ½ mile 16 stretch of trail that will make the connection to Governor Nelson State Park. Located in 17 an area of intense development, this purchase will secure a crucial trail corridor linkage 18 along County Highway M. The purchase requires that the seller provide site grading and 19 paving of this segment of trail as well as paving of the ¼ mile segment directly to the 20 north. 21 22 The purchase price for the approximately 5.8 acre trail easement and trail construction 23 has been established at \$200,000. Funds for the purchase are available in the 24 Conservation Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 10 25 vears. 26 27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and 28 the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a conservation and trail 29 easement from Bishops Bay Land Holdings, LLC and Bishops Bay Farm & Prairie, LLC 30 for \$200,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.03(3); and 31 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are 33 hereby authorized to execute the described easement and related documents on behalf

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Director and/or Real

Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the

property interest to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks

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necessary to effectuate the transaction.