RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project is a significant drought mitigation project spanning multiple counties and will supply water to 35 cities and rural water systems supporting nearly half the population of North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project is a local and State project and cannot access Federal funding mechanisms such as WIFIA and other grant and loan programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project requires a long-term, low-interest loan from the State to provide affordable and predictable financing for the local users; and,

WHEREAS, a 40-year loan term with 2% interest will ensure small communities and rural water systems can gain affordable access to this emergency water supply for the people of North Dakota; and,
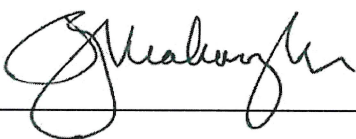
WHEREAS, Lake Agassiz Water Authority is a cosponsor of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project along with the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Lake Agassiz Water Authority duly assembled in Fargo, in the State of North Dakota, on March 12, 2021, does hereby express its support for a State funded long-term, low interest loan for the local cost share; and,
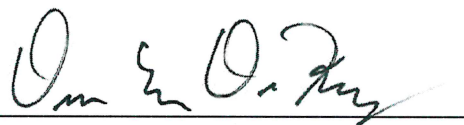
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake Agassiz Water Authority finds small communities and rural water systems in central and eastern North Dakota to be critical elements for success of the North Dakota economy.

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