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**TOWN OF LINN
RESOLUTION
R-2024-002**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN
THE TOWN; AWARD CONTRACT FOR RESTORATION, TREE
REMOVAL, AND OTHER DISASTER RELIEF TO PROTECT THE
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE**

WHEREAS, on and between June 22, 2024, and June 23, 2024, Southeastern Wisconsin, Walworth County, and the Town of Linn experienced extreme weather conditions which included a tornado, high-speed winds, and heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service reported a tornado on June 22, 2024, that commenced near the Maple Hills subdivision at the southwest of Geneva Lake, continued northeast through of Town of Linn, over the lake, and onto Elgin Club Road, Chapin Road, and ending northeast of the Town of Linn likely near Como Lake; and

WHEREAS, due to the tornado, heavy rainfall and high winds, there exists within the Town of Linn and upon the public roads within the Town of Linn a high number of fallen trees, limbs, and branches; and

WHEREAS, the downed trees, limbs, branches, and debris have resulted in numerous obstructed roadways; and

WHEREAS, numerous citizens and property owners within the Town of Linn are experiencing downed trees, limbs, branches, and debris upon their own private road and driveways, which the private property owners are working on having cleared and removed; and

WHEREAS, the volume and level of roadway obstructions is significantly impeding public and private roadway access including that of emergency vehicles, thereby endangering the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, property owners and residents in the Town of Linn; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, declares an emergency exists within the Town of Linn based upon the fallen trees, and roadway obstructions; and

FURTHER, the Town Board finds extraordinary proactive measures are necessary to prevent death and injury of persons and to protect the public peace, safety and welfare, and alleviate damage, loss, hardship or suffering; and

FURTHER THAT, in an effort protect the public peace, safety and welfare, and alleviate damage, loss, hardship or suffering, it is necessary to enter into private contracts for assistance with highway clean-up, tree and debris removal, as permitted by

section 60.47(5). Wisconsin Statutes; and

FURTHER THAT, the Town Board may award any necessary contract for said highway clean-up, tree and debris removal in an amount not to exceed \$ 150,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, by resolution declares an emergency dated on and between June 22, 2024 and June 23, 2024.

Adopted and recorded this 28th day of June, 2024

By: James A. Weiss

James Weiss, Chairperson

ATTEST

By: Alyson Morris

Alyson Morris, Clerk