



BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF ROXANNE BIIDABINOKWE GOULD
TO THE BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (the "Commission") is a joint powers organization formed by the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale and St. Louis Park; and

WHEREAS, the Commission serves as the duly constituted watershed management organization for the Bassett Creek watershed pursuant to the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act); and

WHEREAS, under the Act and the Commission's joint powers agreement the Commission is charged with responsibility for the management of storm water to protect persons and property from flooding and to protect and preserve the water quality of lakes, streams and wetlands of the Bassett Creek Watershed and downstream receiving waters; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne Biidabinokwe Gould served as a representative from the City of Golden Valley from October 2023 to November 2024; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne lent her expertise and experience to patiently teach and advocate for the incorporation of Indigenous knowledge, values, and Dakota place names in the Hąǵá Wakpádaŋ/Bassett Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne generously assisted with the development of a land and water acknowledgement statement; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne served on the Education Committee and was instrumental in the creation of a newly imagined watershed map, development of educational content on Indigenous heritage for the map, and recommendations on creek co-naming opportunities;

WHEREAS, Roxanne gave her time and talents, without compensation, to protect and improve the environment and to serve the public with integrity, vision, and respect for others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, its member cities, and the public hereby express its sincere and grateful appreciation to Roxanne Biidabinokwe Gould for her distinguished service to the public.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission this 19th day of December, 2024.

Chair