Resolution 583-04

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF WAPSI/GREAT-WESTERN BIKE TRAIL, HOWARD & MITCHELL COUNTIES, IOWA AND MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, bike trails substantially improve the health and fitness of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, bike trails are a leading recreational opportunity while providing alternative transportation, and

WHEREAS, bike trails substantially assist economic development and tourism opportunities in areas where such opportunities are now lacking, and

WHEREAS, bike trails assist in environmental education, historic preservation and natural resource protection and

WHEREAS, bike trails are multi-purpose, serving many additional recreational functions, including hiking and walking, and

WHEREAS, Mitchell and Howard Counties, Iowa, will have an opportunity to connect the Wapsi/Great Western Trail to the Minnesota Shooting Star Trail, thus, connecting to a network of trails,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors to support the efforts of the various parties to obtain federal funding to complete the Elma, Iowa to Taopi, Minnesota segment of the Wapsi/Great Western Bike Trail.

Passed and approved this 5th day of October, 2004.

Chairperson, Verne Tanner, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Lowell Tesch, County Auditor