

**RESOLUTION**

**Board of Hennepin County Commissioners**

**RESOLUTION: 24-0307**

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners on 7/23/2024, a motion was made by Kevin Anderson, seconded by Debbie Goettel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, Hennepin County residents value natural resources and ensuring a healthy environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, over 30 years ago, 77% of Minnesotans voted in favor of using a portion of Minnesota State Lottery proceeds to build the Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, since then, over \$1 billion has been invested to help restore and protect our water, land, and wildlife, including \$26.7 million awarded to 63 projects that benefit the county's natural resources since 2010; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Minnesota voters will have the opportunity to vote to continue this policy for another 25 years, keeping state lottery funds at work supporting clean lakes, healthy forests, and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, without passage of the constitutional amendment that has been placed on the 2024 ballot, the Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund will lose its only income source.

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners endorses the constitutional amendment to reauthorize the Minnesota State Lottery dedication to the Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund for another 25 years.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 7/23/2024

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

**Aye:** 5 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

**Absent:** 2 Commissioner Lunde, and Commissioner Conley

**Maria Rose**



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