COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF WAUPUN, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10-23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WAUPUN SUPPORTING PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN ENVISION GREATER FOND DU LAC AS THE FOND DU LAC COUNTY REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, regional economic development organizations foster public-private partnerships needed to build capacity in people and places that increase a region's ability to leverage opportunity and compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin workforce data clearly establishes that today's workforce is not confined to the geography of a single municipality, but rather commutes regionally to a wide-variety of industry sectors to meet the diverse interests and needs of a competitive workforce who in turn pay local and county taxes that support municipal operations in communities across Fond du Lac County; and

WHEREAS, communities within Fond du Lac County have shared economic needs and can create efficiency by directing limited resources and expertise to shared initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) identifies as a best practice that evolving local and regional economies benefit from having dedicated resources focused on working with businesses and local governments to act in the interest of local businesses, seek new economic opportunities, and develop new partnership that drive economic growth; and, furthermore, that Envision Greater Fond du Lac is the combined Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development office serving all of Fond du Lac County for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by accomplishments such as the retention and ongoing expansion of businesses such as Mercury Marine, Alliance Laundry, and more in Fond du Lac County; expansion of the STH 23 corridor between Fond du Lac and Sheboygan to support business growth; entrepreneurial support that results in numerous new business startups and expansions each year; workforce programs that serve to attract and retain needed talent in the region; and more; Envision Greater Fond du Lac has been instrumental in strengthening investment in workforce, infrastructure, industries, and technologies to create sustainable regional economic growth that benefits the businesses and residents in Waupun and all of Fond du Lac County; and

WHEREAS, all municipalities in Fond du Lac County have a significant stake in regional economic diversification which will result in expanded employment, increased tax revenues and quality of life for residents of Fond du Lac County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waupun hereby call on elected officials at all levels of government across Fond du Lac County to maintain historic levels of investment in Envision Greater Fond du Lac; furthermore, that they direct municipal staff to work collaboratively with stakeholders across Fond du Lac County to strengthen the region's economy in partnership with Envision Greater Fond du Lac and it's public and private partners; and, that the Clerk of the City of Waupun immediately distribute this resolution upon approval to all municipal clerks in Fond du Lac County and request immediate distribution to all elected officials for further consideration and action.

Adopted this 10th day of October 2023

Angela Hull, Clerk, City of Waupun



Rohn W Bishop, Mayor, City of Waupun