



RESOLUTION # 2024-10

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Lake of the Woods)
City of Baudette)**

Whereas Minnesota State House Bill HF4780 and Senate Bill SF5080 seek to authorize a land transfer, which infringes upon the rights and livelihoods of individuals and communities; and

Whereas the land transfer would result in the displacement of residents, the division of peoples, disruption of ecosystems, and destruction of natural habitats; and

Whereas taking lands and waters from the public, or restricting public access, for the benefit of a single interested party, is bad policy, a violation of human rights, and sets a reckless precedent.

Whereas such actions would have long-term detrimental effects on the county, the state, the environment, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the entire region; and

Whereas the proposed legislation lacks adequate provisions for consultation with affected stakeholders and fails to consider their concerns and objections; and

Whereas it is imperative to uphold principles of justice, fairness, and sustainability in all legislative endeavors;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Baudette firmly opposes the passage of HF4780 and SF5080 authorizing the land transfer and calls upon all lawmakers to reject it in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that the City of Baudette urges lawmakers to engage in meaningful dialogue with affected communities, indigenous groups, and environmental organizations to explore alternative approaches that respect human rights, preserve biodiversity, and promote sustainable development; and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the relevant legislative bodies, government agencies, and media outlets to inform them of our opposition and to encourage public awareness and support for this cause.

Adopted this 8th day of April 2024.



Rick Rone, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina R Rennemo, Clerk/Treasurer