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, John Byrnes served as a representative from the City of Plymouth for over two years from February 2017 to March 2019; and

WHEREAS, John actively served on committees including the Education Committee from 2017 – 2019 including chairing the Education Committee in 2018; the Aquatic Plant Management/Aquatic Invasive Species Committee in 2017; and the Budget Committee in 2018; and

WHEREAS, John was a continually engaged participant in Commission discussions and decisions; and

WHEREAS, John gave generously of his time and talents, including representing the Commission and engaging residents at community events, 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 John Byrnes for his distinguished service to the public.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission this 21st day of March, 2019.

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Chair