RESOLUTION NO. 17-011

WHEREAS, the County of Carlton creates, maintains and possesses valuable geographic information systems (GIS) data to support its various business purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Carlton recognizes that this GIS data is also a public resource and there are significant benefits to making this data freely and openly available; and

WHEREAS, the emergence and continued refinement of new information technology has dramatically changed the way citizens search for and expect to find, consume and utilize information, and such technology can aggregate ever larger quantities of data and allow government to provide information to the public with increasing efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Carlton can leverage this technology to meet the public demand for information, enhance public access to government data and make government processes transparent in order to promote public trust; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the quality, consistency and availability of such data is a core function of government and is essential to maintaining the data’s value and utility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the GIS Department to publish its public geospatial data on its website or the Minnesota Geospatial Commons in a commonly recognized and easily produced form, available for download by anyone at no cost, subject to accepting the terms of the data disclaimer GIS data usage agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby reserves the right for county business units to charge fees for GIS data provided in other forms and to accommodate special requests for maps, data, and analysis under the applicable rules and statutes that govern said requests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes qualified members of its staff to coordinate with other counties, cities, state governments and agencies to share and publish its GIS data in common formats through common websites and public data portals to increase public awareness of its availability and promote its use; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county staff may continue to charge fees for the creation of
digital or paper maps using GIS data and technology according to the department’s fee schedule.

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Upon motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Yea votes: Peterson, Zmyslony, Proulx, Brenner and Bodie
Nay votes: None
Absent: None

I, Paul G. Gassert, Auditor of the County of Carlton, do hereby certify that I have compared the
foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 23rd day of January, 2017, and that the
same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE in Carlton, Minnesota, this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Paul G. Gassert
Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer