

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 25 (2018/19)

Re: **Supporting Rotary Club of Sheboygan and Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Inc. Restoration of Our Trees Sheboygan (ROOTS) Program to Mitigate the Effects of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Sheboygan County**

WHEREAS, several municipalities, including Elkhart Lake, Plymouth, and Sheboygan, are Tree City USA communities, and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a non-native invasive insect that is infesting and killing ash trees all over the Midwest, including Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, municipal governments like the Sheboygan County have limited resources to mitigate the devastating effects from EAB, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Sheboygan and the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Inc., have established the Restoration Of Our Trees Sheboygan (ROOTS) partnership, and

WHEREAS, the ROOTS partnership is developing a broad county-wide collaboration to address EAB throughout Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the partnership to partner with all sectors including private, public, and non-profit sectors to mitigate the effects of EAB, and

WHEREAS, the partnership intends to seek grant resources and fundraise for EAB initiatives that will support EAB mitigation throughout Sheboygan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Rotary Club of Sheboygan and Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Inc., collaborative efforts under the ROOTS initiative to spearhead EAB programs.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of December, 2018.

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Opposed to Introduction:

Adopted 01/15/19