

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-048

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE BOND FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE MINNESOTA EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (MERIT) CENTER EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training (MERIT) Center is a regional workforce public safety and industry training center serving a primary trade area of 19 Counties in Southwest Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshall owns and operates the facility that was designed as a Tier II Training Center in the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Training Facility Plan (2010) of which the MERIT Center was recommended as one of four state-funded training facility sites to receive ongoing funding; and

WHEREAS, the original facilities of the MERIT Center were constructed in 2000 and have had several expansions since that time; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Interact Business Plan for the MERIT Center has identified a priority need and significant usage of the proposed expanded facilities; and

WHEREAS, the project has regional and statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, a local funding source is dedicated for the project from local sales taxes that have been approved by voters and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the pre-design for the facility are in-process for shovel ready construction if and when these State bond funds are approved by the Legislature and Governor; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MINNESOTA supports the State Bonding Request application for the Minnesota Emergency Response and Industrial Training Center Expansion in the amount of \$3.0 million.

Passed by the City Council of Marshall, Minnesota this 13th day of June, 2023.

Mayor

Attested:

City Clerk