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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROJECT FOR THE WIDENING OF 143RD STREET
AND ENCOURAGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park (the “Village”) is a home rule unit of government by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village, as a home rule unit, may exercise such powers and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the powers explicitly designated to home rule units in the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 includes regulation for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park (the “Village”) is an advocate for and supports the widening of 143rd Street within the Village limits from two lanes (one lane each way) to five lanes (two lanes each way with a center left turn lane). This roadway widening will address the regional transportation corridor needs for several communities including Orland Park, Homer Glen, Orland Hills and Palos Park, as well as benefitting the surrounding communities. Additionally, it will improve vehicular transportation conditions for the communities along the 143rd Street corridor between interstates I-355 and I-294. The widening will also improve pedestrian and vehicular safety, positive economic activity along the corridor, reduce congestion, traffic delays, and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and the Board of Trustees and the Village administration recognize the safety and transportation benefits to the residents of Orland Park and other neighboring communities along the 143rd Street corridor and recommend that Federal Government and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) support the roadway widening project; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and IDOT also support the widening of 143rd Street, recognizing that the roadway widening will greatly enhance public safety, positive economic activity and reduce congestion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1:

The above recitals are incorporated by reference into this Section 1 and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2:

The Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park resolve to support the widening of 143rd Street from two lanes to five lanes within Village limits.

SECTION 3:

The Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park further resolve to encourage the federal government and the Illinois Department of Transportation to support the project for the widening of 143rd Street.

SECTION 4:

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption as provided by law.