

RESOLUTION 2022-12
**SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE STATISTICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE
NORTHERN GRAIN BELT PORT STATISTICAL AREA**

WHEREAS, the collection of waterborne commerce statistics pertaining to rivers, harbors, and waterways and the compilation and publication of such data by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are required by federal law; and

WHEREAS, creation of the statistical boundaries of the Northern Grain Belt Port Statistical Area more accurately reflect the regional waterborne commerce activity and increase tonnage recorded by the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Navigation and Civil Works Decision Support Center, ranking the Port Statistical Area among the Top 100 inland ports in the United States further supporting local economic development and regional transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, creation of the Northern Grain Belt Port Statistical Area would better differentiate the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Ports data in both Wisconsin and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the proposed creation of the statistical boundaries will provide the opportunity for marketing and investment opportunities which could lead to job creation and economic growth for the designated port statistical area; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prairie du Chien supports the port statistical boundary creation of the Northern Grain Belt Port Statistical Area between the Upper Mississippi River Confluence with the St. Croix River and the Wisconsin River to include the entire riverfront on the Upper Mississippi River. Said support extends for statistical data reporting purposes only and not to any waterways organization or further control of the Upper Mississippi River, nor does the port statistical area designation impact any existing or future public port, terminal, or economic development authorities, nor does it require commitment of any financial resources.

Adopted this 3rd day of May, 2022.

David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

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