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**SUPPORT FOR A MINNESOTA VALLEY BASIN WIDE WATERSHED GOVERNING BODY**

Whereas, there is no governmental body in the Minnesota Valley watershed or basin that is authorized to make binding decisions to improve water quality in the Minnesota River and to control soil erosion in the Minnesota River basin and sediment transfer to the streams and rivers of the basin and into the Mississippi River.

Therefore, be it resolved, The Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League supports and endorses the creation of a single Minnesota River basin wide governmental body that is geographically representative of the entire basin, and includes persons with varied perspectives on the problems and solutions facing the basin; and,

Be it further resolved that this new body be granted reasonable levy authority to enable it to secure revenue resources to support its work; and,

Be it further resolved that this body be empowered to set basin wide goals on water quality, sediment reduction and transfer, and other related matters and be empowered to allocate responsibility for achieving those goals to each sub watershed within the Minnesota River Basin.

*Submitted by Minnesota Valley Chapter*