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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON JANUARY 22, 2009

WHEREAS: The rule of law is essential to an efficient and effective system of government, and

WHEREAS: The Rule of Law and access to justice and the Constitutional mandate of Minnesota’s justice system, including the Courts, Prosecutors, Public Defenders and Civil Legal Services are under immediate and imminent threat due to inadequate funding, and

WHEREAS: Because of the importance and urgency of the funding crisis the following organizations have formed the Coalition to Preserve the Justice System: Minnesota Sheriffs’ Association, Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association WATCH, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, Minnesota Urban County Attorneys Association, Ramsey County Bar Association, Civil Legal Services, Minnesota Association of Verbatim Reporters and Captioners, Minnesota Judicial Branch, Minnesota District Judges Association, Minnesota Association for Court Management, and the Minnesota Board of Public Defense,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, That the Minnesota State Legislature be urged to take immediate action to adequately fund the Judicial Branch of Government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society support the Coalition to Preserve the Justice System and the Minnesota State Bar Association initiatives to secure adequate funding at the Minnesota State Legislature, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Tim Pawlenty, members of the Civil Justice, Finance and State Government Finance committees of the House of Representatives, to members of the Finance, the Finance and Judiciary Budget Division and the Judiciary committees of the Senate, to Chief Justice Eric Magnusson and to members of the Coalition to Preserve the Justice System.

This Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Historical Society on January 22, 2009

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