DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY SLOW NO WAKE ZONE ON CRYSTAL LAKE

Recent heavy rainfall in the Dane County area has resulted in high water levels on local lakes. The high water poses a significant threat to shoreline erosion and damage to shoreline property. In combination with the existing high lake levels, boat wakes are a major cause of shoreline erosion, pier damage, and can exacerbate shoreline flooding.

Ch. 72 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances authorizes the County Executive, with the approval of the Sheriff and the County Board Chair, to declare bodies of water be a slow-no-wake-zones during periods of high water. As of June 9, 2008, the level of Crystal Lake poses a substantial risk to property and public safety.

Columbia County has declared that the portion of Crystal Lake located in Columbia County to be a slow-no-wake zone. The County of Dane, hereby declares the entire surface area of Crystal Lake located in Dane County to be a slow-no-wake-zone. Therefore, no person shall operate a motorized watercraft faster than slow-no-wake-speed on the entire surface of that lake until further notice. Slow-no-wake-speed is defined as the minimum speed at which a motorized watercraft is able to move and maintain adequate steerage control. This declaration will be rescinded as soon as it is determined that the level of the lake has receded to a point that safe normal boating may be resumed.

Dated this 10th day of June 2008.

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Dane County Executive	Dane County Sheriff	Chair, Dane County Board