INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To request the state legislature to defeat LRB-0400 and LRB-3820, which propose increasing vehicle weight limits from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds.

FISCAL NOTE: Approval of the legislative action would create significant economic burden to the county in either increasing the strength of many roads and bridges in the county to support the additional loads or to maintain postings on those roads and bridges of the weight limits.

WHEREAS, a small group of large transportation companies are lobbying to increase long-established maximum vehicle weight limits on county and other local roads from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds to save a little money in transportation costs by transporting heavier loads, and

WHEREAS, as in the past, this transportation group has found some legislators to sponsor legislation that would promote their limited interest at the cost of their competitors and all of the municipalities across the state, and

WHEREAS, LRB-0400 and LRB-3820 propose to increase the maximum vehicle weight limits from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds on state highways with the ability to travel up to 15 miles on county and local roads and bridges without special permits from the municipality, and

WHEREAS, many local roads and bridges were designed to the 80,000 pound weight limit, and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to go on record in encouraging all state legislators to oppose LRB-0400 and LRB-3820 as these legislative initiatives are adverse to the best interest of the citizens of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to all state legislative representatives of Wood County as well as to the Counties and Towns associations.

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Adopted this the County Board of Wood County, this 20th day of August 2019.

County Clerk

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