

1 **70-82014**

2 **RESOLUTION: Support of Efforts to Establish a County Dog Park in Northern Section of**
3 **Winnebago County**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout the country, dog parks serve to provide communities with managed environments in
7 which citizens take their dogs to exercise and enjoy their camaraderie as well as to interact and socialize with fellow
8 canine enthusiasts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, shortly after the establishment of the nine acre Community Park Dog Park in 2001, it became
10 apparent that the limited size of the site combined with the growing volume of visitors were factors that would
11 eventually lead to unfavorable overcrowding as well as excessive wear and tear of the grounds; and

12 **WHEREAS**, given the stressed conditions that have been ongoing at the Community Park Dog Park, the
13 Winnebago County Parks Committee has engaged in a long-standing effort to alleviate the overuse by locating a
14 suitable property on which to create a second dog park site in the northern section of Winnebago County; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as part of the process involved in development of last year's Winnebago County
16 Comprehensive Outdoor Parks and Recreation Plan, the results of a county-wide survey revealed a common theme
17 within both the questionnaire and comments section indicating a preference towards efforts establishing a north
18 county dog park; and

19 **WHEREAS**, your Parks & Recreation Committee believes that the opening of a second dog park facility in
20 the north section of Winnebago County will not only lessen the problem of overuse at the Community Park Dog Park
21 but will also serve citizens throughout that area of the county by providing them a conveniently located dog park that
22 is no longer 11-plus miles away and 18 or more minutes removed from their residence; and

23 **WHEREAS**, municipalities in the northern sections of Winnebago County have provided your Parks &
24 Recreation Committee with statements made by the elected bodies announcing their support for a dog park to be
25 established in an area close to where their citizens reside.

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
28 offers its enthusiastic support towards the efforts being expended by local citizen volunteers and county staff in an
29 attempt to locate a suitable property in the northern section of Winnebago County on which to establish a dog park
30 facility with the array of attributes necessary to serve the sizeable number of dog owners who reside in the northern
31 portion of Winnebago County.

32 Respectfully submitted by:

33 **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

34 Committee Vote: **3-0**

35 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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39 Mark L Harris
40 Winnebago County Executive