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RESOLUTION: Support the Implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the Winnebago Waterways are treasured resources that hold 17 percent of Wisconsin's surface water, supply more than 200,000 people with their drinking water, and provide an estimated \$297 Million in revenue annually from recreational angling in a five (5)-county region; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago System has been showing signs of stress, and both the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have listed all four lakes as impaired for excessive phosphorus, sediment, low dissolved oxygen, and excess algae growth; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, a collaborative process to create the Winnebago Waterways Program to improve the Winnebago System has been ongoing with funding from the partnering counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Winnebago, along with additional leadership by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance; and

WHEREAS, after three (3) years of intensive research and significant input from the Winnebago Waterways Committee, Land Conservation Committee, and Land and Water Conservation Departments from Calumet, Fond du Lac, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties; the Department of Natural Resources; local governments; area organizations; property owners; and residents, the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan was developed; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago Waterways Committee, established by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, Resolution Number 173-72017: Approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Creating the "Winnebago Waterways Committee," also supports the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will leverage grant dollars and serve as a guide for strategic management of the Winnebago System, and focus the coordinated efforts of multiple agencies, organizations, and individuals working to meet water quality and pollution reduction targets over a 20-year time frame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan.

Respectfully submitted by:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **6-0**

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

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive