

1 **CORRECTED**

2 **282-022020**

3 **RESOLUTION: Support the Proposed Revisions to NR 151, Wisconsin Administrative**
4 **Code, Which Will Set Updated Target Performance Standards and**
5 **Prohibitions to Abate Pollution of Groundwater by Nitrate in Areas of the**
6 **State with Highly Permeable Soils that are Susceptible to Groundwater**
7 **Contamination**

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10 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

11 **WHEREAS**, good quality groundwater in sufficient quantity is a basic resource that all citizens and
12 businesses in the State of Wisconsin rely upon. Citizens and businesses in Wisconsin and Winnebago County
13 expect state government to monitor and protect the groundwater in Wisconsin in such a way that we may all prosper;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, nitrate is the most widespread groundwater contaminant in Wisconsin and is especially
16 prevalent in areas with highly permeable soils. Evidence suggests that the statewide standards are insufficient to
17 achieve surface water quality and groundwater standards in areas with highly permeable soils; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the NR 151 revision process will allow for local input and give local stakeholders the opportunity
19 to be part of the rulemaking and develop a rule that is designed to protect both surface and groundwater; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the County Land and Water Conservation Departments (the lead agency), Public Health
21 Departments, UW Madison-Extension Departments, and County Board Supervisors in the central sands area of
22 Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, Wood, and Sauk County have joined together to form the Central
23 Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGCC); and

24 **WHEREAS**, because of the unique geographic features found throughout Wisconsin, this six-county
25 collaborative holds that it is necessary to assess the environmental impact and draft water quality standards that are
26 based on a county-by-county/regional basis, recognizing the vulnerability of some geographic features which are
27 highly susceptible to contamination.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
30 supports performance standards that must include modifications to nutrient management plans; application rates of
31 manure and/or commercial fertilizers; timing of nutrient management application; no spreading on already saturated
32 soils; crop rotations; and implementation of growing crops year round as cover crops which store unused nitrogen in
33 the soil.

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
36 Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin
37 Counties Association, all state senators and assembly members representing Winnebago County constituents, and
38 all Wisconsin County Clerks.

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40 **FISCAL NOTE:** There are no fiscal obligations for Winnebago County associated with this Resolution.
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Respectfully submitted by:
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **12-0**

~~Respectfully submitted by:
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE~~

~~Committee Vote: _____~~

Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Those Present**

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

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive