

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Forestville, Door County

Resolution Opposing the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan

Resolution # 2016-2

WHEAREAS, The process used to develop the UW Extension Reorganization Plan was flawed, providing inadequate opportunity for meaningful input and consideration of the concerns of rural municipalities; and

WHEAREAS, The plan, as proposed, jeopardizes the partnership between UW-System and Wisconsin Counties, a partnership built on communication, collaboration and engagement, and

WHEAREAS, The current Cooperative Extension system has a proven track record of success for more than 100 years as a single County based model for governance, locally set levy contribution and County determined education programming priorities under the oversight of a County Agriculture and Extension Committee designated by the elected County Board; and

WHEAREAS, The reorganization plan, as proposed, imposes a drastic change on rural county extension programs, shifts a great portion of Extension resources to urban areas, reduces educator positions in rural areas, and will result in lower levels of service to rural communities at the same level of county financial contribution;

THEREFORE, the Town of Forestville, Door County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the town board with a quorum present, resolves and declares our opposition to the UW-Cooperative Extension reorganization plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen on February 20, 2016. We encourage the UW-Extension to engage rural communities in a new and meaningful process to develop a more workable reorganization plan.

BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Door County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee for dissemination to all County Extension oversight committees; the Wisconsin Counties Association; County Executives and Administrators; Governor Walker; President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents; Senator Frank Lasee; Representative Joel Kitchens; Assembly Speaker Vos; and Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under Wisconsin statutes.

Adopted on this 17th day of May, 2016 by the Town Board of Forestville.


Town Chair

Attested by: Ruth Kerscher
Town Clerk