## Resolution Regarding the WI DNR Wolf Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, based on prey availability and human population densities (carrying capacity), and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human population densities (carrying capacity) in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, the WI DNR has not been able to provide meaningful wolf population control in it's management efforts; and

WHEREAS; the WI DNR has not written any statutory language to address wolf population management once the wolf is Federally delisted and management control returns to the State; and

WHEREAS, Ashland County residents have experienced wolf depredation, threatening incidents and economic and emotional losses; and

WHEREAS, the high predator populations has contributed to reduced hunting opportunities, impacted livestock, effected hound hunting and bear hunters, subjected pets and people to negative interactions with wolves and has negatively impacted the economic effect hunting has for Ashland County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the WI DNR to keep the wolf population goal, for the State of Wisconsin, at 350 animals or less in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does further hereby request the WI DNR to draft statutory language for wolf management once the wolves are Federally delisted and to implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan to bring the wolf population down to management goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Ashland County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the WI DNR, Matthew Frank, Governor Jim Doyle, Adrian Wydeven, WI DNR Wolf Biologist, Senator Robert Jauch and Assemblyman Gary Sherman.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee

Dated:

## Resolution R06-2010-1018

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

Signed:

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Clerk 6/24/13

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