

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-15****IN SUPPORT OF STATE OF WISCONSIN BEING CHARGED WITH MANAGING THE GRAY WOLF POPULATION HAVING A GOAL OF 350 OR LESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WDNR") established a gray wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density, and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years; and

**WHEREAS**, the WDNR plans to review and possibly revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially approved a wolf goal of 350 or less; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-three (23) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 (6) or 350 or less (17); and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reducing hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people; and

**WHEREAS**, we understand the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia has recently vacated a 2012 decision by the United States Fish and Wildlife Services, which delisted wolves as an endangered species, and this decision returns wolves in the Great Lakes Region, including Wisconsin, to the Federal Endangered Species List; and

**WHEREAS**, if and when wolves are again removed from the Federal Endangered Species List, we recommend having the State of Wisconsin charged with managing the wolf population in Wisconsin and that such goal be set at 350 or less.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** in session this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, that Wisconsin approve a population goal of 350 or less for gray wolves in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the WDNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas, to places within Wisconsin.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the WDNR Secretary, DATCP Secretary, Governor Scott Walker, and applicable state and federal legislators.

Submitted by: Kathy Luebke  
Randy Young  
Robert Krause  
Marvin Klosterman  
Arlyn Tober  
Alan Tauchen

#### LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Young, seconded by Klosterman to adopt Resolution No. 2-15. Comments by Chairman Erdmann, Supervisors Tober and Giese regarding farm animals being killed by wolves. This is a problem for some farmers in the area.

Resolution No. 2-15 adopt 25 yes; 0 no; 2 absent ( Stern & Olson)

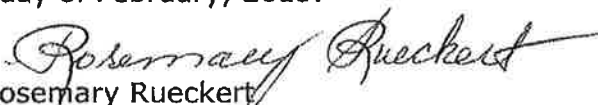
#### CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF WISCONSIN )**

**COUNTY OF SHAWANO )**

I, Rosemary Rueckert, County Clerk, in and for the County of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached copy of Resolution No. 2-15 is a true and correct copy of the official Resolution No. 2-15, that was adopted by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on February 25, 2015 in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, WI.

Given under my hand and official seal, at the Shawano County Courthouse, in the City of Shawano, this 27th day of February, 2015.

  
Rosemary Rueckert  
Shawano County Clerk

