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21	D. CUMMINGS				
TOTALS		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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DOUGLAS COUNTY CLEAN WATER RESOLUTION
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**PRESENTED BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND CONSERVATION
AND ZONING COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, Douglas County contains abundant clean water, including more than 22,165 acres of surface waters in the form of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County’s groundwater is free of contaminants such as E. coli and has low levels of nitrate and chloride, and

WHEREAS, clean water is essential to life, health, and the well-being of people and ecosystems and is the foundation of a vibrant community, economy, and high-quality of life, and

WHEREAS, Anishinaabe (or Ojibwe) people believe ‘water is life’ and recognize that clean water sustains the more-than-human relatives (natural resources) they rely on to continue their lifeways, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is in the Ceded Territory of 1837 and 1842, giving Ojibwe people the right to fish, hunt, and gather, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin holds all navigable waters in public trust for use by all, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is a protector of water and natural resources, demonstrates water stewardship, and recognizes the importance of addressing threats to surface and groundwater that impact the health, well-being, and future of our communities, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County citizens are concerned with water resource issues, including nitrates, bacteria, PFAs, harmful algae blooms, invasive species/non-local beings, flooding, and excess sediment and nutrients, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Land Conservation Committee and Land and Water Conservation Department are directly involved in local and regional surface and groundwater protection efforts and are statutorily charged with addressing these topics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors supports the right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin for the citizens of Douglas County and members of the 11 Ojibwe member tribes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in recognition of this right to clean water, that the County's actions, policies, plans, and procedures reflect the intent to conserve, protect, and restore clean water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Douglas County expects that the Governor of Wisconsin and the members of the Wisconsin Legislature fully financially support programs and staff funding to allow Douglas County to protect surface and groundwater for current and future generations.

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COMPLETE (PAGE 2 OF 2)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution, if approved, to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and members of the State Legislature representing Douglas County.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2024.

*Committee Action: Unanimous
Fiscal Note: None*

ACTION: Motion by S. Hendrickson, second Sandok Baker, to adopt. Motion carried.