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2 **RESOLUTION: Direct Chancellor Sandeen and the UW Extension Administration to**
3 **Re-Examine the Proposed nEXT Generation Model and the Multi-County**
4 **Unit that Includes Winnebago County to Determine its Impact on**
5 **Programming and Outreach**
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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County highly values the work of the Winnebago County UW-Extension faculty and
9 staff in supporting individuals, families, businesses, communities, and government; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County UW-Extension Department provides a direct link to university research
11 and resources that are used on a daily basis; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County has provided strong support for UW Extension programming for over ninety
13 (90) years, providing financial support for faculty positions, educator positions, facilities, and operations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County is committed to maintaining funding for the UW Extension office in 2017; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County is concerned with the proposed nEXT Generation Model with its multi-
16 county units due to the population, geographic area, and diverse settings of the four counties, and what impact this
17 Model will have on local programming; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County desires greater involvement in the final decisions regarding the multi-county
19 unit, staffing, and programming; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County UW Extension faculty and staff already successfully work across county
21 lines on programs that are more regional in nature, and the Winnebago County Extension Committee supports
22 exploring a shared model that is equitable and meets local and regional needs.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
25 directs Chancellor Sandeen and the UW Extension Administration to re-examine and determine what impact the
26 proposed nEXT Generation Model and its multi-county unit that includes Winnebago County will have on
27 programming and outreach.

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago County
30 Extension Committee is opposed to a four-county model due to the potential impact on existing UW Extension faculty
31 and staff.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that fiscal and programmatic
34 changes of the reorganization be examined for long-term impact to UW Extension programs and services.

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Chancellor Sandeen and
37 UW Extension Administration work with Winnebago County to determine the most advantageous county
38 configuration to meet local needs.

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40 Respectfully submitted by:

41 **AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

42 Committee Vote: **4-0**

43 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of those Present**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive