

2 **RESOLUTION: Support the Implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake**  
3 **Management Plan**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago Waterways are treasured resources that hold 17 percent of Wisconsin’s surface  
8 water, supply more than 200,000 people with their drinking water, and provide an estimated \$297 Million in revenue  
9 annually from recreational angling in a five (5)-county region; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago System has been showing signs of stress, and both the United States  
11 Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have listed all four lakes as  
12 impaired for excessive phosphorus, sediment, low dissolved oxygen, and excess algae growth; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since 2010, a collaborative process to create the Winnebago Waterways Program to improve  
14 the Winnebago System has been ongoing with funding from the partnering counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, and  
15 Winnebago, along with additional leadership by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance; and

16 **WHEREAS**, after three (3) years of intensive research and significant input from the Winnebago Waterways  
17 Committee, Land Conservation Committee, and Land and Water Conservation Departments from Calumet, Fond du  
18 Lac, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties; the Department of Natural Resources; local governments; area  
19 organizations; property owners; and residents, the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan was developed;  
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago Waterways Committee, established by the Winnebago County Board of  
22 Supervisors, Resolution Number 173-72017: Approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Creating the  
23 “Winnebago Waterways Committee,” also supports the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management  
24 Plan; and

25 **WHEREAS**, this Plan will leverage grant dollars and serve as a guide for strategic management of the  
26 Winnebago System, and focus the coordinated efforts of multiple agencies, organizations, and individuals working to  
27 meet water quality and pollution reduction targets over a 20-year time frame.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
30 supports the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan.

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32 Respectfully submitted by:  
33 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

34 Committee Vote: **6-0**  
35 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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40 Mark L Harris  
41 Winnebago County Executive