

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize Five (5)-Year Cooperative Service Agreement Between**
3 **Winnebago County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**
4 **and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health**
5 **Inspection Service, Wildlife Services**

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

9 **WHEREAS**, the black bear, Canada goose, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey populations in portions of
10 Winnebago County are at levels that may cause damage to agricultural and forest crops; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the producers' costs of production of agricultural and forest crops have increased substantially
12 over time; and

13 **WHEREAS**, §29.889, Wis Stats, and NR12, Wis Admin Code, provide for a state-funded Wildlife Damage
14 Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) to reimburse participating producers for crop losses caused by certain
15 wildlife; and

16 **WHEREAS**, administrative participation is required of Winnebago County to make its land eligible for the
17 WDACP; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County will be reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
19 (WDNR) for all associated costs incurred in the administration and implementation of the WDACP; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County may, through formal agreement, cooperate with the Animal Plant Health
21 Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS WS) and WDNR to make the WDACP available to eligible producers.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
24 authorizes the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department/Land Conservation Committee to enter
25 into a five (5)-year Cooperative Services Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the
26 United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, for the
27 administration and implementation of the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Revenue and
30 Expenses associated with this program continue to be included within the appropriate accounts in the Land and
31 Water Conservation Department's Annual Budget.

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33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **6-0**

36 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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38 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2018.

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41 Mark L Harris
42 Winnebago County Executive