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2 **RESOLUTION: Oppose the proposed changes by the Wisconsin Legislature to the Wildlife**
3 **Damage Abatement & Claims Program**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. 29.889 and Wis. Adm. Code NR 12 provides a state funded Wildlife Damage
8 Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) to reimburse participation producers for crop losses caused by certain
9 wildlife; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, administrative participation is required for Winnebago County to make its land eligible for the
12 WDACP; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County is reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
15 for all associated costs incurred in the administration and implementation of WDACP; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, proposed 2021 Senate Bill 63 and companion 2021 Assembly Bill 49, make changes to the
18 WDACP by removing counties from all the administrative responsibilities of the program and requiring the WDNR to
19 administer the program instead; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, your Land Conservation Committee believes the proposed bills will result in Winnebago County
22 losing local control of the WDACP and the administration should continue to be the responsibility of the County.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it opposes
25 2021 Senate Bill 63 and companion 2021 Assembly Bill 49 proposed by the Wisconsin Legislature.

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Representative and
28 State Senators representing Winnebago County, DNR Secretary Preston Cole, and Governor Evers.

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32 Committee Vote: **7-0** **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

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37 Committee Vote: **14-0** **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

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40 Vote Required for Passage: **3/4 of members present.**

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43 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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Winnebago County Executive