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2 **RESOLUTION: Support Legislation to Maintain Full Funding for the Great Lakes**
3 **Restoration Initiative**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the Trump Administration has proposed cutting funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
8 (GLRI); and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Federal government currently appropriates \$330 million in funding to multiple Federal
10 agencies, which in turn makes competitive grants available to local units of government to protect and improve water
11 quality in the Great Lakes; and

12 **WHEREAS**, since the initiative began, Winnebago County and surrounding counties which make up portions
13 of the Lower Fox River Basin have successfully installed several million dollars of conservation practices on the
14 landscape and have seen measurable improvements in water quality in watercourses flowing to and through Lake
15 Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Poygan, and other waterways flowing to the Fox River and Lake Michigan;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, if funding for this initiative is eliminated, it will have significant impacts on local programs
18 working towards improving water quality locally and overall within the Great Lakes region. Currently, GLRI funding
19 accounts for approximately 30% of the Land Conservation Department budget annually; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Committee requests supporting full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration
21 Initiative in the Federal budget; and

22 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned Committee recommends that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
23 adopt this Resolution.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
25 supports full funding of \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) in the upcoming Federal budget.
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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago County
28 Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Office of
29 Governor Scott Walker, and all U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senators that serve constituents within Winnebago
30 County.
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33 Respectfully submitted by:
34 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **9-0**
36 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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38 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2017.

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41 Mark L Harris
42 Winnebago County Executive