

**Resolution Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise its Policy on Foreign
Ownership of Farmland by Entities Party to Adversarial Governments**

WHEREAS, according to the USDA, foreign agricultural interests in Wisconsin, as of December 31st, 2020, own over 500,000 acres of land in the state with that number rising by over 25,000 acres from 2019 to 2020 alone, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres of agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic shows the need to localize supply chains, especially for food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments or entities party to adversarial governments, and

WHEREAS, with the reality that supply chain disruption could happen again in the future, it is prudent to limit the exposure of these critical supply chains to entities party to governments who routinely abuse human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards and seek to upend fair markets through state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition, and

WHEREAS, the combination of the two factors of rising instances of foreign purchases and the disruption of supply chains show the need to deny entities party to the governments of adversarial foreign powers, particularly the Peoples' Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, the ability to purchase farmland in Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested, in the next legislative biennium, to review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland by individuals and corporations party to the governments of the Peoples' Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea and to restrict these aforementioned parties from buying farmland in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Winnebago County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.