

**RESOLUTION 18-16**  
**OPPOSING THE UW-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REORGANIZATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the process used to develop the UW-Cooperative Extension Reorganization Plan was flawed and provided little opportunity for meaningful consideration of County concerns; and

WHEREAS, the plan, as proposed, jeopardizes the partnership between the UW-System and Wisconsin counties, a partnership which was built on working together to find solutions, rather than accepting a plan unilaterally imposed by a decision of UW-Extension; and

WHEREAS, the current Cooperative Extension System has a proven track record of success for over 100 years as a single-county based model for governance, locally set levy contribution, and individual county-determined education programming priorities under the policy guidance of each County Extension Committee designated by the elected County Board; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization plan imposes a drastic and reckless change, eliminates local faculty education positions, and adds an unnecessary layer of area director positions who will not provide face-to-face educational programs, nor be accountable to local partners and county boards; and

WHEREAS, the district boundaries established in the reorganization plan partners Price County with counties that have had little past experience or apparent common interests with Price County, denying Price County's request to reconsider the district boundary; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties are unlikely to continue the current level of county tax levy support in future years if direct educational services are significantly decreased, thereby making the proposed reorganization plan financially unsustainable.

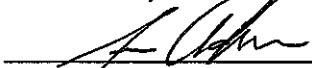
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors herein assembled hereby opposes the UW-Cooperative Extension reorganization plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen on February 10, 2016; and

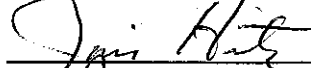
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Price County is not willing to continue providing local tax levy funding at the current level if direct educational faculty services are decreased as described in the plan while eliminating accountability to the County Extension Committee and the County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Price County welcomes the opportunity to be engaged in a meaningful process of developing a more workable reorganization plan; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all of Wisconsin County Boards/Extension Committee Chairs and County Extension Department Heads; the Wisconsin Counties Association; County Executives and Administrators; Governor Walker; President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents; Senator Janet Bewley; Representative Beth Meyers; Assembly Speaker Voss; and Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald.

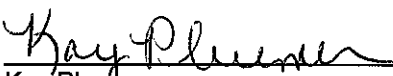
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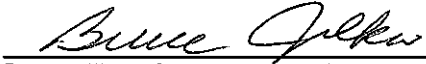
  
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Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

  
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Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair

  
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Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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