RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SAWYER COUNTY EXPLORING WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENT STATUS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

WHEREAS, State statute 97.615 (2)(b) and 97.41 (1m) the department may enter into a written agreement with the local health department which designates the local health department as the agent of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for issuing licenses to and making investigations or inspections; and

WHEREAS, Chapter ATCP 74, Subchapter I, ATCP 74.01 of the Administrative Code authorizes issuing licenses to and investigations or inspections of hotels, motels, and tourist rooming houses (ATCP 72), restaurants (ATCP 75), bed and breakfasts (ATCP 73), campgrounds and camping resorts (ATCP 79), recreational and educations camps (ATCP 78), mobile home parks (SPS 326), public swimming pools (ATCP 78), and vending machine operations (ATCP 75); and

WHEREAS, Chapter ATCP 74, Subchapter II, ATCP 74.21 of the Administrative Code authorizes issuing licenses to and investigations or inspections of retail food establishments (Chapter ATCP 75); and

WHEREAS, the community supports and requests regulation for tourist rooming house facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Status will not only increase compliance of tourist rooming houses, but offer services that enhance the well-being, health, and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, such services would include drinking and surface water testing to Sawyer County residents and neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, legal support from corporation counsel provides more effective and speedier enforcement when it is necessary to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County Health Department environmental health professionals can establish a growing, working relationship with local facilities to answer any questions and work together in solving any operational issues; and

WHEREAS, annual inspections prompt complaint responses and established food and sanitation standards provide protection for our tourist based economy; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County Health Department environmental health professionals are also valuable resources for area operator questions in the area of lead, radon, mold, asbestos, and mercury; and

WHEREAS, currently not all of the 600+ Sawyer County establishments are being inspected annually, therefore, the State encouraging counties to become agents for the State; and

WHEREAS, the annual license fees generated from these inspections may sustain this program and other funding sources will be explored to help support this program; and

WHEREAS, reinvesting annual license fees back into the local economy keeps monies in our community; and
WHEREAS, Public Health concerns are increasing and changing rapidly. Local public health departments working in partnership with State agencies to oversee food, lodging, and recreational facilities provides an ideal infrastructure to best meet current and upcoming challenges; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Board recommends Sawyer County Health and Humans Services explore the process of becoming agent status for Environmental Health of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Board recommends Sawyer County Health and Human Services explore the process of becoming Laboratory Certified for testing drinking and surface water.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2017

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of August, 2017

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