Resolution No. 46 - 11/18
Urging Restoration of Funding for UW-Extension

Moved/Sponsored by: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

WHEREAS, for over 100 years Cooperative Extension has played a vital role in connecting the resources of the University of Wisconsin system to the State’s citizens; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the 2015-2017 budget process the State of Wisconsin cut the appropriation to the University of Wisconsin Extension (UW-Extension) by $3.6 million; and,

WHEREAS, the precise impact of those cuts remained unclear for some time as UW-Extension engaged in the nEXT Generation study project; and,

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of that study it has become abundantly clear that the budget cut has had a significantly negative impact on the ability of UW-Extension to provide services to its County partners; and,

WHEREAS, these negative impacts include the inability of UW-Extension to hire and retain educators to serve County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Governor and the Legislature to restore funding for UW-Extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our State Legislature Representatives, Governor Walker and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

Action Required: Majority Vote ___ X ___ Two-thirds Vote ___

This Resolution/Ordinance was Adopted Roll Call/U.C. (Voice)
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: Noes: Absent: Date November 5, 2018

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.
I. Title: Urging Restoration of Funding for UW-Extension

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is to urge the Governor and Legislature for restoration of funding for UW-Extension.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: Passage of this resolution will have no impact on the County budget.

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:

   Committee: Agriculture and Extension Education      Meeting Date: October 15, 2018
   Vote: 5-0

   County Board Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

[Signatures]

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