

RESOLUTION NO. 28-06-18
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A REDUCTION IN SERVICES AND FUNDING
BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System operates a Cooperative Extension program with counties to provide educational services and programs locally; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin cut funding in its budget for the University of Wisconsin System resulting in the Cooperative Extension Program reorganizing its structure and delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, such reorganization resulted in changes to the counties' annual contracts based upon county wishes and available funding; and

WHEREAS, each county entered into a contract based on what programs and services they felt were necessary and important in their area, prioritizing these based on funding available; and

WHEREAS, the State has been unilaterally changing the terms of the contracts based on State budget considerations and without regard to existing contractual obligations to the counties; and

WHEREAS, the counties feel with the challenges facing our youth today; the opioid crisis, increased violence in our schools, increased suicide rates among teens, bullying and cyber-bullying, this is not the time for UW Extension to balance their budget at the expense of a proven successful youth program; and

WHEREAS, for example Waushara County entered into a one year contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2018 which called for 3.67 FTE positions within the County, including but not limited to a full-time Youth and Family Extension Educator and an Agriculture Extension Educator from May-December of 2018, neither of which have been filled; and

WHEREAS, the Area Extension Director for Waushara County has advised that the State will not be funding the Youth and Family Extension Educator position as a full-time position and has not begun the process for filling the Agriculture Extension Educator due to budget cuts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Counties object to a unilateral cut in the budget and level of service to be provided in conflict with the current contract for services between the Counties and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Counties urge the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin to fulfill its obligations under the current contract.

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Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 19th day of June, 2018.

Denied this 19th day of June, 2018.

Approved as to Form:

Submitted by:



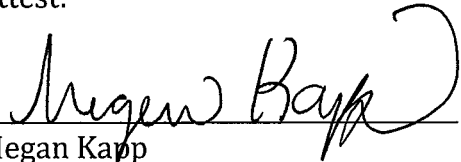
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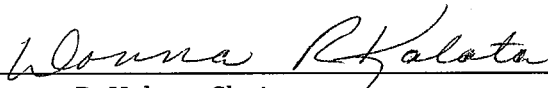
Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Executive Committee

Attest:

Signed by:



Megan Kapp
Waushara County Clerk



Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Waushara County Board of Supervisors