

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2010

Resolution offered by the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999 based on State wildlife and prey populations, State population density, and the severe decline in wildlife and prey populations throughout the State in the intervening years; and,

WHEREAS, the WI DNR has not provided meaningful wolf population control in any of its management efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Forest County residents have experienced a reduction in the number of wild game being hunted because of the large wolf population and residents have concerns regarding threatening incidents involving wolves; and,

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of deer population, hunting opportunities, and livestock, and has made pleasure horse riding dangerous as well as presenting a danger to pets and people; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has not entered into the current case in federal court as a litigant and that litigation of the case is delaying delisting and the transfer of wolf management to the WI DNR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin continue the wolf population goal of 350 or preferably less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors requests that the Wisconsin DNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels or below; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors requests the State of Wisconsin enter into litigation on the side of delisting wolves from Endangered and Threatened Species status in order for the State to take over management of wolves.