

RESOLUTION: 24-14
Grant County Wolf Control Resolution
7-21-15

Whereas the WI DNR established a wolf goal of 350 (minimum overwinter count) animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this minimum overwinter count goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density, and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years, and

Whereas the WI DNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007,

Whereas the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and WI Farm Bureau have officially approved a WI wolf goal of 350 or less.

Whereas the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a WI wolf minimum overwinter count goal of 350 or less.

Whereas twenty (30) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 or less (22), or 50 or less (1),

Whereas Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties, and

Whereas the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people,

Therefore be it resolved that the Grant County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf overwinter maximum count goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan, and

Be it further resolved that the Grant 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 maximum overwinter count to goal levels, and

Be it further resolved that the Grant County Board of Supervisors requests that the WI DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted to the Administrative Committee for their recommendation this 14th day of July, 2015.

Robert C. Keeney
Robert C. Keeney, Chair

Roger Guthrie
Roger Guthrie, Secretary

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Mark A. Stead
Mark Stead, Vice Chair

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Vacant Position

Respectfully submitted to the Grant County Board of Supervisors for their approval on this 21st day of July, 2015.

Robert C. Keeney
Robert C. Keeney, Chair

Linda K. Gebhard
Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

ATTEST: I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that Resolution # 34-14 Grant County Wolf Control was approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on July 21, 2015.

Linda K. Gebhard
Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

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