Resolution No. 03 - 04/19
Supporting a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Designation for Northeast Wisconsin

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the designation of Wisconsin's Lake Superior Estuarine Research Reserve in 2010 provides an outstanding example of broader impacts National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) sites provide to local communities and the State of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is currently exploring the feasibility of developing a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) for northeast Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, our region's ecosystem is home to the largest freshwater estuary in the world, the vitality of which is critical to the current and future prosperity of ecological sustainability of our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the efforts of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as they seek a letter from NOAA requesting their assistance in exploring the feasibility of a NERR designation for Northeast Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, Chancellor Gary Miller of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and Associate Vice-Chancellor Mathew Dornbush of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2019

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote Other

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.

This Resolution/Ordinance was: Adopted: Roll Call/U.C. Vote
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over

Ayes: Noes: Absent:
Date: April 16, 2019