SUPPPORT FOR THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Menominee County Board of Supervisors is the governing body of Menominee County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include, but are not limited to, increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

WHEREAS, the County is greatly disappointed by the federal government's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement, which is a decision that could imperil our economy, our nation's standing among the international community, the wellbeing of our future generations, and the health of our planet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Board of Supervisors, in regular session assembled, hereby supports the Paris Climate Agreement and calls on—

1. The federal executive branch to remain in the Paris Climate Agreement;
2. Strong federal and state action to achieve the U.S. commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement;
3. State and local action to achieve the targets in the Paris Climate Agreement;
4. Expanded federal and state funding to transform transportation systems to be clean and low carbon, including funding for expanding transit and electrifying mobility for people and goods through strategies that prioritize equitable outcomes;
5. Federal and state tax credits for solar, wind, and geothermal renewable energy resources to grow high-wage American jobs and reduce air pollution; and
6. Federal and state action, including funding, to help counties and municipalities prepare for the impacts of climate change, such as increased flooding, extreme heat, and drought.