

1 Resolution No. 14-15
 2 Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin
 3 Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan

4 TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF
 5 POLK:

6 Ladies and Gentlemen:

7 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf
 8 population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey
 9 availability and human population density and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or
 10 decrease human density in the intervening years; and

11 WHEREAS, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in
 12 1999 and revised in 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially
 14 approved a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

15 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly
 16 supported a Wisconsin wolf population of 350 or less; and

17 WHEREAS, twenty-five (25) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed
 18 resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 less (18); and

19 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents
 20 involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threat to human safety in 2013, occurring
 21 in 21 counties; and

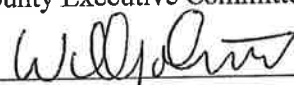
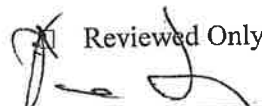
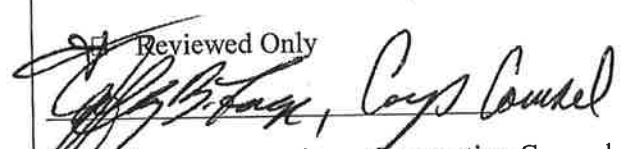
22 WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the
 23 deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and
 24 pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors advises that
 26 Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf
 27 Management Plan.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR
 29 and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf
 30 Management Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests that WDNR not
 32 relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of
 34 Governor Scott Walker; Cathy Stepp, WDNR Secretary; Ben Bancel, WDATCP Secretary; and the
 35 state and federal legislators who represent the people of Polk County.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015
Submitted and Sponsored By:	Polk County Executive Committee;  William F. Johnson, IV Executive Committee Chairman
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel


Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

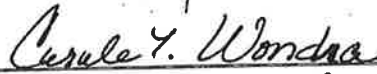
At its regular business meeting on the 19th day of May 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. 14-15: Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by majority voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by majority voice vote.
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:


William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest:


Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

