RESOLUTION NO. 24-10

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin DNR established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999 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 Wisconsin DNR has not provided for meaningful wolf population control in any of its management efforts; and

WHEREAS, Price County residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves; and

WHEREAS, the high predator populations, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and increased danger to pets and people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has not entered as a litigant to the current case in federal court which is delaying delisting and the transfer of wolf management to the Wisconsin DNR; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board 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; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Wisconsin DNR, Matthew Frank, Secretary of the Wisconsin DATCP, Rod Nilsistuen, 29th Senate District Russ Decker; 87th Assembly District, Mary Williams and Governor Jim Doyle.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Price County Tourism/Forestry and Parks Committee

Dated this 7 day of April, 2010.

Russ Kapitzky, Chairman
Jay Janssen
Ron Heikkinen
John Walasek
Ron Kadas

Fiscal Impact:

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20 day of April, 2010.

Bob Kopisch, County Board Chair
For: 11 Against: 0

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk