

**RESOLUTION 2015-36**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE UW-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REORGANIZATION PLAN**

<b>Motion:</b>	Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 <sup>st</sup> <u>Prescott</u>	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 <sup>nd</sup> <u>Stillman</u>	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes: <u>20</u> No: <u>0</u>	Absent: <u>1</u>
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: Kimberly Tenerelli Corp Counsel	

To the Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors of Calumet County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, The process used to develop the UW-Cooperative Extension Reorganization Plan was flawed and provided little opportunity for meaningful consideration of County concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, The plan, as proposed, jeopardizes the partnership between UW-System and Wisconsin Counties, a partnership which was built on working together to find solutions, not accepting a plan unilaterally imposed by a decision of UW-Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, The current Cooperative Extension System has a proven track record of success for over 100 years as a single-county based model for governance, locally set levy contribution, and individual County-determined education programming priorities under the policy guidance of each County Extension Committee designated by the elected County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, The reorganization plan imposes a drastic and reckless change, eliminates local faculty education positions, and adds an unnecessary layer of area director positions who will not provide face-to-face educational programs nor be accountable to local partners and county boards; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Counties are unlikely to continue the current level of county tax levy support in future years if direct educational services are significantly decreased, thereby making the proposed reorganization plan financially unsustainable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Calumet County Board of Supervisors herein assembled, hereby opposes the UW-Cooperative Extension reorganization plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen on February 10, 2016.

Calumet County is not willing to continue providing local tax levy funding at the current level if direct educational faculty services are decreased as described in the plan while eliminating accountability to the County Agriculture and Extension Committee and the County Board.

Calumet County welcomes the opportunity to be engaged in a meaningful process of developing a more workable reorganization plan.

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1 BARRIBEAU			
2 BUDDE			
3 CONNORS			
4 DIETRICH			
5 DRAHEIM			
6 GENTZ			
7 GLAESER			
8 GREEN			
9 KLECKNER			
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11 LAUGHRIN, P.			
12 MUELLER			
13 OTT			
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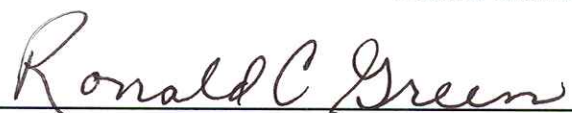
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 72 Wisconsin County Boards/Extension Education Committee Chairs and County Extension Department Heads; the Wisconsin Counties Association; County Executives and Administrators; Governor Walker; President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents; Senators Frank Lasee, Duey Stroebel, and Devin LeMahieu; Representatives Al Ott, Jesse Kremer, and Paul Tittl; Assembly Speaker Voss; and Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

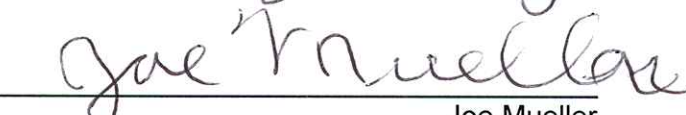
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Lyle Ott, Chair


  
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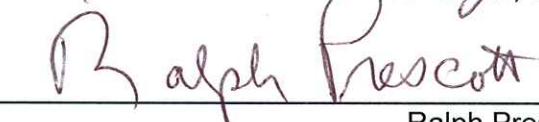
  
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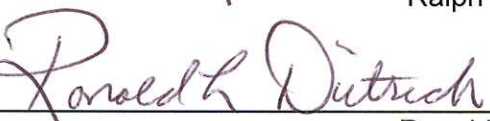
  
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Joe Mueller

**AND  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

  
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Merlin Gentz, Chair

  
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Ralph Prescott

  
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Ronald Dietrich

  
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Robert Stanke

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Bill Baribeau

*Donald Glaeser*

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**COUNTERSIGNED BY**

*Alice Connors*

Alice Connors, County Board Chair