



## Portage County Clerk

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### CERTIFICATION

I, Shirley M. Simonis, Clerk of the County of Portage, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of

RESOLUTION 209-2014-2016  
RE: IN SUPPORT OF HAVING THE STATE  
LEGISLATURE ENACT MEANINGFUL  
GROUNDWATER PROTECTION LEGISLATION

which was considered by the County Board by a vote of:

23 for

\_\_\_\_\_ against

\_\_\_\_\_ abstained

\_\_\_\_\_ vacant

2 excused Supervisors Butkowski, Pazdernik

at an Adjourned Session of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, and recorded in the minutes of said meeting, a quorum of members being present.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the County of Portage, Wisconsin, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

*Shirley M. Simonis* #176  
SHIRLEY M. SIMONIS  
Portage County Clerk (SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 209-2014-2016

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: IN SUPPORT OF HAVING THE STATE LEGISLATURE ENACT MEANINGFUL GROUNDWATER PROTECTION LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Supervisors seeks to go on record in support of having the State Legislature enact meaningful groundwater protection legislation; and

WHEREAS, water, and specifically groundwater, is a basic resource that all citizens and businesses in the State rely on and look to the government to protect so that we may all prosper; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and its supporting businesses are the largest economic driver in Portage County; and

WHEREAS, the State is the best level of government to comprehensively address groundwater protection to uniformly protect all of the citizens and businesses within the State; and

WHEREAS, the State currently has some laws and regulations pertaining to groundwater, but a more thorough assessment of the threats to groundwater needs to be conducted with Statewide regulations established that address those threats and can be uniformly implemented to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, the potential negative fiscal implications to the citizens and businesses of the State of Wisconsin in not having comprehensive, well thought out and balanced groundwater protection laws are catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee met on February 25, 2016 and expressed overwhelming support for this resolution.

FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal obligations for the County associated with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully encourages the State Legislature to introduce and pass meaningful legislation that will lead to the understanding of the threats to groundwater, and laws and regulations that will protect this common resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State and its agencies enhance their programs in educating the public on the importance of and threats to groundwater, and the enforcement of rules and regulations that protect this vulnerable resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be directed to the attention of the State Legislators representing constituents in Portage County, the Governor, the Secretaries of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.