

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 74**

**Re: Wolf Population Management**

WHEREAS, the gray wolf in Wisconsin is currently listed as an endangered species by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the status of listed as "endangered" negates the ability of the State of Wisconsin to manage the wolf population and attempt to control depredation of livestock and pets by problem wolves; and

WHEREAS, the target population, set by the Federal Government, for delisting the wolf in Wisconsin and Michigan, must be greater than 100 animals sustained for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) places the Wisconsin 2010 late winter population estimate at 720, said population having been in excess of 350 since 2003, with wolves occupying virtually all suitable habitat in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the wolf population in Wisconsin has exceeded the above specified target population for delisting; and

WHEREAS, there is no reason to believe the wolf remains endangered or threatened in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has submitted a petition to the U.S. Department of Interior (USDOl) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to delist the gray wolf in Wisconsin.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 requests that the USDOl and the USFWS move ahead to delist the gray wolf in Wisconsin, as petitioned by the WDNR, transferring management of the wolf population in Wisconsin to the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors requests that the State of Wisconsin use all its legal resources to pursue the delisting of the gray wolf in Wisconsin from the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species Lists and transfer wolf management in the State of Wisconsin to the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR consider, in its revision of the Wolf Management Plan, population goals that reflect changes in the amount of human activity and development in areas that were viewed as suitable habitat in 1995, which resulted in a population goal of 350 animals as established in the 1999 Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

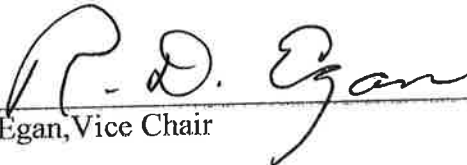
1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors  
2 requests that the WDNR and its partners implement much needed population controls to  
3 bring the wolf population to goal levels when formulating the next Wisconsin Wolf  
4 Management Plan.

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors  
7 directs the Vilas County Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to: Secretary of the  
8 Interior Ken Salazar, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Acting Director Rowan Gould,  
9 Senators Russ Feingold & Herb Kohl, Representative Steve Kagen, Governor Jim Doyle,  
10 State Senator Jim Holperin, State Representative Dan Meyer, and Secretary of WDNR  
11 Matthew Frank.

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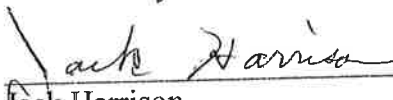
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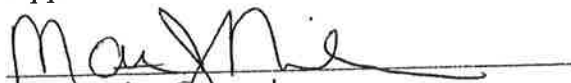
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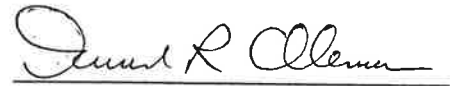
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42 Fiscal Impact:  Yes  
43  No

I, David R. Alleman, Clerk of Vilas County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was approved by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.



David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk

unanimous as reported by Co Clerks  
Office 6/24/13

