January 11, 2017

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

Wisconsin Counties Association
22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 900
Madison, WI 53703

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the following Walworth County resolution:

Resolution No. 48-01/17 – Advocating for Cooperative Extension Funding

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors requested that this resolution be forwarded to your office at their January 10, 2017 County Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Bushey
Walworth County Clerk

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Enclosures
Resolution No. 48 - 01/17
Advocating for Cooperative Extension Funding

Moved/Sponsored by: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension plays an important role in improving the quality of life for residents of Walworth County; and;

WHEREAS, the continued success of Cooperative Extension depends upon funding by its federal, state and county partners; and;

WHEREAS, at the national level, funding for Extension programs is provided by the Smith-Lever Act and Agriculture and Food Research Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, at the state level, Governor Walker is required to submit his budget request to the State Legislature by January 31, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, a cut in funding by any one of these partners places important programs at risk; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the federal government to complete the appropriations process for the FY 2017 Agriculture Appropriations Bill and to increase funding for Cooperative Extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the Legislature to increase funding for Cooperative Extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to our State and Federal Representatives, Governor Walker and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2017

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances;

David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.
Policy and Fiscal Note
Resolution No. 48 - 01/17

I. Title: Advocating for Cooperative Extension Funding

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is to advocate for funding for Cooperative Extension.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: Passage of this resolution will have no impact on the County budget.

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:
   Committee: Agriculture and Extension Education    Meeting Date: December 12, 2016
   Vote: 7-0
   County Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2017

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

David A. Bretl    Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Andersen    Date
Deputy County Administrator – Finance

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