RESOLUTION # 45-15

ADVISORY RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WOLF QUOTAS IN WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin DNR established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, 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 plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially approved a Wisconsin wolf goal of 350 or less

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less.

WHEREAS, twenty five (25) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 or less (18),

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties, and

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reducing hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washburn County Board advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washburn 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 Washburn County Board requests that the Wisconsin DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is forwarded to Cathy Stepp, DNR Secretary, the DATCP Secretary, Gov. Scott Walker, state and federal legislators

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Recommended for adoption by the Washburn County Executive Committee this 19th day of May, 2015.
I, Lolita Olson, as County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the County of Washburn at the meeting held on: 5-19-15

Adopted MAY 19 2015

Motion by ROBIN

2nd by STOLL

(Vote) (Roll) vote: Yes 11 No 9