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RESOLUTION NO. 13-2017

Relating to Funding and Filling a Full-time Agricultural Agent Position.

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of June 2017, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, family owned farms, food processors and agriculture-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity while contributing to local income and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, farmers own and manage 142,757 acres or 64% of land in Green Lake County; and

WHEREAS, increasingly Green Lake County farmers sell directly to consumers through roadside stands, farmers' markets, pick-your-own operations, and community supported agriculture (CSA), totaling \$210,000 in direct market sales; and

Roll Call on Resolution No. 13-2017

Submitted by the Agriculture, Extension and Fair Committee

Aye 18, Nay 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0

Joanne Guden
Joanne Guden, Chair

Passed & Adopted/Rejected this 20th day of June, 2017

Robert Schweder
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David G. Meabe
County Board Chair

Patti Garro
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Elizabeth A. Otto

David Richter
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Attest: County Clerk
Approved as to form:

Dawn N. Klochow
Corporation Counsel

Katie Mehn
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Whereas, horticulture sales contributes to Green Lake County economic diversity in sales of Christmas trees, fruits and vegetables, greenhouse, nursery and floriculture products adding up to \$9.4 million. Landscape, grounds maintenance and tree-care businesses create additional full-time jobs and many seasonal jobs; and

Whereas, 15% of jobs in Green Lake County are provided by agriculture, and include farm owners and managers, farm employees, veterinarians, crop and livestock consultants, feed, fuel and other crop input suppliers, farm machinery dealers, barn builders, agriculture lenders and other professionals; and

Whereas, local stakeholders including members from the farming community, have communicated the need for an Agriculture Agent in Green Lake County; and

Whereas, Green Lake County values the important economic and social impact that agriculture contributes to the local economy and particularly the role that the UW-Extension Agriculture Agent position contributes in support of this economic impact.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors requests that UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension continue to partner with Green Lake County and fill the Agriculture Agent vacancy without delay, and fund a full-time Agriculture Agent position.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin – Extension Chancellor, University of Wisconsin – Extension, Cooperative Extension Dean and Assistant Deans, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Counties Association, State Senator of District 14, State Representatives of Districts 41 and 42, Speaker of the State Assembly, President of the State Senate, and the Governor of Wisconsin.