

Resolution No. 05 - 04/18

**Urging the Federal Government to Support the Agricultural Economic Sector by
Maintaining and Strengthening Trade Ties with Canada and Mexico**

Moved/Sponsored by: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

WHEREAS, agriculture is an important part of the State’s economy and has a nearly \$1 billion economic impact on Walworth County; and,

WHEREAS, agricultural exports play a significant role in supporting prices paid to farmers for their commodities; and,

WHEREAS, 51% of agricultural exports from Wisconsin are sent to Canada and Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 249,000 jobs in Wisconsin would be impacted by the disruption of trade between the United States and Canada and Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Ron Johnson has encouraged support for a strong NAFTA agreement between the United States and Canada and Mexico, including advocating with federal legislators and the current Administration.

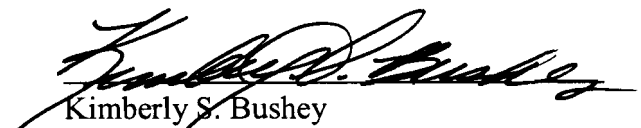
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the present Administration including the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce and U.S. Trade Representative to maintain and strengthen trade ties with Canada and Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board hereby urges members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation to support the agricultural economic sector by advocating with the Administration on behalf of farmers and producers, taking into account the importance of trade between our North American neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Speaker Paul Ryan, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Trade Representative, and Wisconsin Counties Association.



Nancy Russell
County Board Chair



Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: April 19, 2018

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote Other

This Resolution/Ordinance was:
Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: Noes: Absent:
Date April 19, 2018

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.

Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

 D. Bretl 3/26/18
David A. Bretl Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

 Nicole Andersen 3/26/18
Nicole Andersen Date
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.