<u>Resolution No. 46 - 11/18</u> Urging Restoration of Funding for UW-Extension

Moved/Sponsored by: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
WHEREAS, for over 100 years Cooperative Extension has played a vital role in connecting the
resources of the University of Wisconsin system to the State's citizens; and,
WHEREAS, as part of the 2015-2017 budget process the State of Wisconsin cut the appropriation
to the University of Wisconsin Extension (UW-Extension) by \$3.6 million; and,
WHEREAS, the precise impact of those cuts remained unclear for some time as UW-Extension
engaged in the nEXT Generation study project; and,
WHEREAS, upon conclusion of that study it has become abundantly clear that the budget cut has
had a significantly negative impact on the ability of UW-Extension to provide services to its County
partners; and,
WHEREAS, these negative impacts include the inability of UW-Extension to hire and retain
educators to serve County residents.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors
hereby urges the Governor and the Legislature to restore funding for UW-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 Legislature Representatives,
Governor Walker and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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County Board Chair County Clerk Adopted Roll Call/U.C. Vo.
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
County Board Meeting Date: November 5, 2018 Ayes: Noes: Absent:
Date November 5 2018
Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote Other
Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.

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

Policy and Fiscal Note Resolution No. 46 - 11/18

- I. Title: Urging Restoration of Funding for UW-Extension
- II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is to urge the Governor and Legislature for restoration of funding for UW-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: October 15, 2018

Vote: 5-0

County Board Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

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

Deputy County Administrator - Finance

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