

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2020-2022- AMENDED

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: REQUESTING THE STATE SENATE TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION FOR WATER QUALITY FUNDING

WHEREAS, a clean, plentiful supply of rural drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of roughly 70% of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought the issue of existing and ongoing negative impacts on water quality from a variety of pollutants to the attention of state legislators and the state's residents, as a whole; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing water quality concerns by passing (most unanimously) 13 "Water Bills" on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when it's last scheduled session on March 24, 2020, was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal obligations for the county associated with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Portage hereby requests the State Senate to convene in "extraordinary session" to address the 13 "Water Bills" that passed in the Assembly earlier this year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portage County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the Assembly who represent Portage County, all State Senators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Towns Association.

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PORTAGE COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Date: September 10, 2020

Aye
Matt Jacowski, Chair

Aye
Charles Gussel, Vice-Chair

Aye
Daniel Martinson

Aye
Anton Anday

Aye
Barry Jacowski