



RESOLUTION NO. 6-05-2021

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CHANGES IN THE WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT AND CLAIMS PROGRAM

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program, fully funded by a surcharge on hunting
 2 licenses, is a voluntary Department of Natural Resources program to assist producers with agricultural losses
 3 caused by deer, bears, geese, and cougars, as well as elk and sandhill cranes if hunting those animals is
 4 authorized; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County has participated in the program since its inception in 1983 and has
 7 administered the program through the Land Conservation Committee; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin State Legislature is proposing making changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims
 10 program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 by eliminating the administration of these programs from
 11 the Land Conservation Committee and changing the administration to these programs to the DNR instead; and

13 **WHEREAS**, By eliminating any local authority, when landowners have issues and appeals concerning harvest
 14 objectives or management of the program, they will no longer appear before the Land Conservation Committee,
 15 but would instead have to travel to Madison to appear before DNR officials who don't necessarily have local
 16 concerns in mind when rendering a decision.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
 19 18th day of May 2021, that the Board opposes the changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims program through
 20 Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 which eliminates any local County control of the program and instead gives
 21 all authority to the State government officials; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a
 24 copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the members of the State
 25 Legislature, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the other counties of
 26 the State of Wisconsin.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
 29 resolution to all 72 Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association,
 30 Representative Joel Kitchens, and Senator André Jacque.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAND AND WATER COMMITTEE

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 Charles Wagner, Chair

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:
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	Y E S	N O	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N
Augustian, A.	✓			
Baker, D.	✓			
Doell, D.			✓	
Guilette, N.	✓			
Haske, V.	✓			
Jahnke, S.	✓			
Kinnard, T.	✓			
Kroll, K.	✓			
Lazansky, J.	✓			
Lukes, J.	✓			
Mastalir, J.	✓			
Olson, D.	✓			
Paape, G.	✓			
Piesler, M.	✓			
Romdenne, T.	✓			
Swagel, M.	✓			
Teske, L.	✓			
Vollenweider, J.			✓	
Wagner, C.	✓			
Wochos, J.	✓			
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