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DOUGLAS COUNTY SOLAR ENERGY RESOLUTION
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**PRESENTED BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND CONSERVATION
AND ZONING COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, counties possess limited authority to regulate solar energy systems in their community under Wisconsin state law, and

WHEREAS, the regulation of solar energy systems is generally dependent on size, with smaller solar energy systems subject to Wis. Stat. 66.0401(1m) and larger solar energy systems (those above 100 megawatts) subject to Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) standards, and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 66.0401(1m) provides a mechanism for counties to consider areas of local concern, but provides little ability for counties to restrict or even deny a project based on local concerns from residents, environmental impact, or economic impact, and

WHEREAS, public utilities and private developers are using a loophole in Wis. Stat. 196.491(3)(d)(2) and (3) that exempts wholesale merchant plants from meeting the same standards as public utility companies in order to receive their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), and

WHEREAS, those public utilities and private developers are then immediately selling the project to a public utility company through that loophole, and

WHEREAS, the state has given planning and zoning authority to the county through Wis. Stat. 59.69, specifically in order to 'promote the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare; to encourage planned and orderly land use development; to protect property values and the property tax base' and to 'preserve wetlands; conserve soil, water, and forest resources; to protect the beauty and amenities of landscape and man-made developments; to provide healthy surroundings for family life', and

WHEREAS, through this loophole, the county process and authority are completely circumvented relating to utility-scale solar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, hereby requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature revise Wis. Stat. 66.0401(1m) and Wis. Stat. 196.491 to grant Wisconsin counties the authority to responsibly site utility-scale solar installations in order to maintain orderly planning and comply with the statutory requirement laid out in Wis. Stat. 66.1001(3) to adhere to the objectives, goals and policies contained in the Douglas County Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin legislature and Wisconsin Governor.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2024.

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COMPLETE (PAGE 2 OF 2)**

*Committee Action: Unanimous
Fiscal Note: None*

ACTION: Motion by Moen, second Fennessey, to adopt. Motion by S. Hendrickson, second Baker, to amend resolution to add paragraph to direct County Clerk to send resolution to Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin legislature and Wisconsin Governor. Motion carried. Motion to adopt as amended, carried.