

RESOLUTION NO. 03_2016 OPPOSING THE UW- EXTENSION REORGANIZATION PLAN

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Jacksonport, Door County

WHEREAS, The process used to develop the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan was flawed, providing inadequate opportunity for meaningful input and consideration of the concerns of rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The plan, as proposed, jeopardizes the partnership between UW-System and Wisconsin Counties, a partnership built on communication, collaboration and engagement; and

WHEREAS, The current Cooperative Extension system has a proven track record of success for more than 100 years as a single County based model for governance, locally set levy contribution and County determined educational programming priorities under the oversight of a County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee designated by the elected County Board; and

WHEREAS, The reorganization plan, as proposed, imposes a drastic change on rural county extension programs, shifts a greater portion of Extension resources to urban areas, reduces educator positions in rural areas, and will result in lower levels of service to rural communities at the same level of county financial contribution;

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Jacksonport, Door County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the town board with a quorum present, resolves and declares our opposition to the UW-Cooperative Extension reorganization plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen on February 10, 2016. We encourage the UW-Extension to engage rural communities in a new and meaningful process to develop a more workable reorganization plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Door County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee for dissemination to all County Extension oversight committees; the Wisconsin Counties Association; County Executives and Administrators; Governor Walker; President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents; Senator Frank Lasee; Representative Joel Kitchens, Assembly Speaker Vos; and Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under Wisconsin statutes.

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2016.

Town Chairman, Randy Halstead *Randy Halstead*

Supervisor, Tim Bley *Tim Bley*

Supervisor, Tom Wilson *Tom Wilson*

Attest: Town Clerk, Elissa Taylor *Elissa Taylor*