

# KENOSHA COUNTY

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND	
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Date Submitted: November 20, 2018	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted By: Legislative Committee	
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Prepared By: Matt Collins – Director of Parks	Signature:

WHEREAS, for the past fifty-two years the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been our nation's most important program for meeting communities conservation and recreation needs, from national parks and wildlife refuges, to neighborhood playgrounds and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, this is a critical investment not only for quality of life, but in supporting over nine million American jobs in recreation, conservation and historic activities which contribute more than a trillion dollars to the US economy; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, the LWCF has invested more than \$215 million to protect the State's open spaces to include the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Devil's Lake State Park, Kettle Moraine State Forest and Bong Recreational Area, in addition to many community parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, in Kenosha County, the LWCF has funded over twenty-two state, county and municipal projects for recreational purposes including park acquisitions and development, multi-purpose trails, boating access and fishing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF supported projects have resulted in the most extensive network of open spaces in the world to camp, hunt, fish, hike, swim and play, but much remains to be done to both preserve and expand these areas and programs for current and future Americans; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF does not receive taxpayer dollars, but rather, is funded with revenues paid to the government from offshore oil and gas drilling; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF brings people together and enjoys strong bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF expired on September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF needs long-term stability and, therefore should be reauthorized permanently.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors that Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson be requested to support the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Speaker Paul Ryan, known and appreciated for his past support of outdoor recreation, be requested to support the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund as his legacy to the First Congressional District of Wisconsin.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Senators Baldwin and Johnson as well as Speaker Paul Ryan.

Respectfully submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
_____ Gabe Nudo, Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Andy Berg, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Joseph Cardinali	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ John Franco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Boyd Frederick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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