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Citizen Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

(For Hearing Officer Completion)

## DNR Enforcement of the Clean Water Act



Each year the Conservation Congress accepts written resolutions from the public, in each county throughout the state regarding natural resource issues of statewide concern. These resolutions are introduced by the public in attendance during the Conservation Congress county meeting that is held annually in conjunction with the DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings in April.

In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress and for public vote at the annual Conservation Congress county meeting, all resolutions introduced must meet the following requirements:

1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
3. The resolution must have a clear title.
4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.
7. Resolutions must be **250 words** or less exclusive of the title and author contact information. (This guidance is not included in the word count.)

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, EPA found Wisconsin DNR deficient in enforcing 75 provisions of the Clean Water Act. Despite EPA's request for correction, DNR has failed to comprehensively remedy these deficiencies.

Wisconsin's water is indispensable for drinking, recreating, and economic activity. DNR's ineffectiveness contributed to water degradation; 209 more waterways will be declared Impaired than last year. Impairment mostly resulted from phosphorus and nitrate pollution of waterways and private drinking wells; and overuse of high capacity wells.

**WHEREAS**, the EPA formally notified signatories to the Great Lakes Compact of pollution matters regarding Dale Reicks' LLC proposed CAFO requiring time to investigate.

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Stepp responded to Ashland Mayor's request for suspension of Reicks' CAFO permitting to study water source protection by stating, "...if the owner of the facility meets all statutory and administrative code requirements, the Department cannot deny him a permit."

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Congress recommend Stepp use her position to demand authority from the Governor and Legislature to suspend Reicks' application and any others when pollution matters need to be studied by signatories to treaties and by cities and by other entities. We cannot afford another Flint.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Congress recommend that DNR take immediate action to address its 75 CWA deficiencies, and demand legislation to bring DNR in conformity with EPA. The people of Wisconsin should not bear the externalized costs of industry in the form of pollution. Instead, those costs must be born by polluters.

**Introduced in BAYFIELD County, and Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April, 2016 by**  
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