**Resolution In Support Of Home Rule**

Whereas on the 16th day of December, 2013, the Trempealeau County Board passed a resolution opposing Senate Bill 349 and Assembly Bill 476, which, if they had passed the State Legislature, would have limited local control of nonmetallic mining, air and water quality, and highway damage and highway use contracts, and

Whereas, State Senator Tom Tiffany, who sponsored these bills in the2014 legislative session announced, on December 10, 2014, in a public press conference, in conjunction with Wisconsin Manufacturing Council (a private industry lobbying group) President Kurt Bauer, his intention of sponsoring similar legislation in the 2015 legislative session or in introducing a budget amendment that would have the similar effect of limiting local control of nonmetallic mining, air and water quality, and highway use contracts, and

Whereas, the principle of local control, sometimes known as home rule, is irrefutably fundamental to representative democratic government, as the first and most responsive instrument that can be applied by a thoughtful and responsible citizenry, and

Whereas Wisconsin statute 59.69 clearly defines the planning and zoning authority of Wisconsin counties, and

Whereas Wisconsin statute 60.61 grants to the towns those powers not granted to the counties, and

Whereas, the loss or subversion of home rule creates an opportunity for heavily-populated regions of the state to exploit lightly-populated regions of the state, and

Whereas, Trempealeau County, as compared to other counties in the state of Wisconsin, is lightly-populated, and

Whereas, the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors, knowing best the particular nature of local territories and local socio-economic conditions, has the authority and the responsibility to make land use decisions about its own territory, and

Whereas, the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors has authority and the responsibility to promote the health, the safety, and the welfare of its citizens, and

Whereas the TC Board of Supervisors rejects any attempt by the State Legislature to usurp the planning and zoning authority of the county, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors hereby upholds and supports the doctrine of home rule, and further resolves to oppose any state legislation that would restrict, subvert, or remove the planning and zoning authority of Trempealeau County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Walker, State Senators Kathleen Vinehout and Terry Moulton, State Representatives Kathleen Bernier and Chris Danou, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, all incorporated municipalities in Trempealeau County, all local towns in Trempealeau County