

3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 Opposing the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' timber sale of Parnell
5 Woods located in Kettle Moraine Park.

6 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has entered into
7 CY2011 Timber Sale: Block 5, located between Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive and
8 County Highway V, in the Town of Mitchell, Sheboygan County, known here as
9 Parnell Woods and also known as School Section 16; and

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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County alone had paid an additional \$125,000
12 annually, or \$250,000 in all, by reason of the increased forestation mill tax in 1938
13 and 1939 which provided funds for the Kettle Moraine Park development; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Kettle Moraine Park development was created as a result of
16 continuous requests from Milwaukee and vicinity that the state should have a
17 relatively large recreational forest tributary to the counties in Southeastern
18 Wisconsin; and

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20 WHEREAS, Parnell Woods has been classified using a system originally
21 designed by the Wisconsin DNR and refined by SEWRPC as Natural Area 1 (NA1)
22 being of statewide or greater significance, meaning it contains nearly complete and
23 undisturbed plant and animal communities which are believed to closely resemble
24 those present during pre-European-settlement times; and

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26 WHEREAS, Parnell Woods has also been classified by SEWRPC as RSH, Rare
27 Species Habitat; and

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29 WHEREAS, of the seven bird species found in the point count in Parnell
30 Woods, four are threatened including the Red Shouldered hawk, Acadian flycatcher,
31 Hooded warbler and Cerulean warbler; and

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33 WHEREAS, of the 124 plant species identified in the Preliminary Vegetation
34 Survey of Parnell Woods, 118 are native species; now, therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
37 respectfully petition the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to suspend the
38 afore mentioned timber sale and allow Parnell Woods to exist in its natural forest
39 state of succession; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Clerk shall submit

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this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary and Chief of Planning, Recreation and Development, Bureau of Parks and Recreation.