RESOLUTION # 04-25-17-01

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN DAIRY FARMERS DUE TO IMPACT OF GRASSLAND DAIRY PRODUCTS INC.

WHEREAS, Grassland Dairy Products Inc. has provided notice to several Wisconsin Dairy Farmers:

WHEREAS, said notice informed Dairy Farmers, effective May 1, 2017, they will no longer accept milk from their dairy;

WHEREAS, due to new Canadian pricing, Grassland Dairy Products Inc. states they can no longer sell ultra-filtered milk to Canada at a competitive price, leaving Dairy Farmers without a place to ship their product;

WHEREAS, this decision has made an impact on approximately Seventy-Five Dairy Farms, Fifty-Eight of which are in the state of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, the City of Waupun lies in both Dodge and Fond Du Lac County;

WHEREAS, twenty-four of these Dairy Farmers reside in Dodge County and four in Fond Du Lac County;

WHEREAS, these Dairy Farms represent a significant part of the agricultural economy, provide gainful employment for labor as well as outside resources, and provide support to our Community and schools;

MOREOVER, Dairy Farmers in this area have expressed that mega farms, such as the one in Rosendale, Wisconsin, have also hindered their sales as well;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Julie J. Nickel, along with the Waupun Common Council, herby support the Dairy Farmers in Wisconsin and request and urge all of the members of Administration to work with the Canadian government to resolve this matter and provide a solution for all those impacted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Honorable Governor Walker, US Senator Baldwin, US Senator Johnson, Representative Grothman of the 6th Congressional District, Senator Fitzgerald of the 13th Senate District, Senator Feyen of the 18th Senate District, , and Representative Schraa of the 53rd Assembly District.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2017.

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