

## RESOLUTION No. 584-23 CLEAN WATER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marinette County contains 304 rivers and streams with a total length of 320 miles, 442 lakes, 18 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and, WHEREAS, clean water is essential to life, health, and the well-being of families, ecosystems and lands, and is the foundation of a vibrant community, economy, and high-quality life; and, WHEREAS, in recognition of this right to clean water, that actions, policies, plans, and procedures of the County reflect the intent to conserve, protect, and restore clean water; and, WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin holds all navigable waters in public trust for use by all; and, December 19, 2023 39 WHEREAS, Marinette County citizens are concerned with the degradation of the County's water resources; and WHEREAS, the Land Information Department – Land and Water Conservation Division is directly involved in local and regional surface and groundwater protection efforts and partners with various federal and state agencies who are all statutorily charged with addressing these topics. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors supports the right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin for the citizens of Marinette County; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Marinette County expects that the Governor of Wisconsin and the members of the Wisconsin Legislature financially fully support programs and staff funding to allow Marinette County to assist with protection of surface and groundwater for current and future generations. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marinette County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution, if approved, to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association, all county Land & Water Conservation Departments, and to members of the State Legislature representing Marinette County.

Approved this 19th day of December, 2023 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board.

- Main Motion (Mandli/Broderick) to approve Resolution No. 584-23 Clean Water Resolution.
- Motion (Allen/Ebsch) to call for the question. Motion carried.
- Main motion carried. Yes: 24 No: 3. Voting No: Supervisors Hanson, Norton, Pelzek