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**RESOLUTION # 32-2012**

Resolution offered by the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

**Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, the sale of utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), has grown steadily in the State of Wisconsin since 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of UTVs purchased and registered annually in the State of Wisconsin is expected to increase into the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing number of UTVs in the State of Wisconsin has created an increasing demand for a place to ride these vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, to address the increasing public demand for places to ride UTVs, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) developed the "Utility Terrain Vehicle Pilot Program"; and

**WHEREAS**, the WDNR, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall administer the UTV Pilot Program to evaluate the effects of UTV use on existing All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails and roadways open to said vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the above-described evaluation will be used to determine if it is appropriate and feasible to expand the UTV Pilot Program into a permanent UTV program; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to regulate the use of UTVs during the pilot program a UTV will be considered the same as an ATV, therefore all state regulations and county ordinances that apply to ATV use will also apply to UTV use; and

**WHEREAS**, the UTV pilot program will end on June 30, 2012 and the County may withdraw from the pilot program prior to the end of the program by adopting a resolution to that effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this resolution will permit operation of UTVs on town and village roads that are currently open to ATV use unless the town or village passes a resolution prohibiting the use of UTVs on said roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this resolution does not permit operation of UTVs on Oneida County ATV trails, as said trails require modifications to safely accommodate larger UTVs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors approves allowing UTVs to operate on all municipal ATV road routes, unless a municipality prohibits such operation by resolution.

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

52 Approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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73 by the County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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79 Mary Bartelt, County Clerk Ted Cushing, County Board Chair