

52 446,000 acres of the forest from timber production which equates to a permanent loss of 4,460
53 jobs, and

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55 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has lost both paper mills and sawmills, a large number of logging
56 contractors and trucking firms as well as associated employment in our important forest
57 products industry infrastructure. There are a variety of factors that have influenced these
58 losses, but it is evident that the declining harvest on our national forest has played a major role
59 in these losses. Private forests, state forests and county forests have felt ever-increasing
60 pressure to supply raw forest products to replace the void created by declining harvest on our
61 national forests. We must see immediate changes to shift the source of raw material supply to
62 the CNNF soon, or we may lose our remaining forest products industry here in Wisconsin which
63 will result in our inability to practice sound forest management on all of our forestlands, and
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65 **WHEREAS**, the declining harvest and lack of proper forest management on our national
66 forest lands leads to an array of forest health concerns. Forest health issues on national forests
67 in Wisconsin often spread to adjacent lands including state forests, county forests and privately
68 owned forestlands. Forest pests and diseases do not adhere to ownership boundaries so the
69 lack of management on our national forests may increase forest health issues on adjacent
70 forestland, and
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72 **WHEREAS**, with the exception of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, all public
73 forests including state forests, county forests and most private forestlands in Wisconsin have
74 received third party certification as being managed on a sustainable basis.
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76 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF**
77 **SUPERVISORS** recognize that the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is an exceptional
78 natural resource that has the capacity to provide recreational, social, and economic benefits on
79 a sustainable basis provided that the lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are
80 properly managed as a sustainable, renewable timber resource, and are managed with
81 consideration to the local units of governments that contain the national forests, and
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83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, severe reductions in timber harvesting below
84 sustainable levels within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest constitutes continuing
85 evidence that the United States Forest Service is unwilling or unable to properly manage the
86 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and that this Board of Supervisors demands that all
87 management of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest revert back to the counties where
88 said forest lands are located by virtue of a breach of promise by the Federal Government and
89 their failure to comply with the Clark-McNary Act, and
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91 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the CNNF manage their forest land at the ASQ
92 level as identified in the 2004 Forest Plan as well as manage the backlog of unharvested timber
93 (approximately 42% per year) that has not been harvested since implementation of the 2004
94 Forest Plan, and
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96 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Oneida County requests a written response from
97 the U.S. Regional Forester and CNNF Forest Supervisor within 60 days regarding why these
98 lands are not managed in accordance with the provision of the 2004 Forest Plan, and
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100 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, copies of this Resolution be presented to
101 President Barack Obama, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Chief of the
102 Forest Service Thomas Tidwell, U.S. Regional Forester Charles Myers, CNNF Forest

103 Supervisor Paul Strong, Wisconsin Federal Representatives Senator Herb Kohl and Senator
104 Ronald Johnson, Congressmen Sean Duffy, Congressmen Reid Ribble, Governor Scott Walker,
105 Wisconsin Senators and Representatives representing constituents in Oneida County, all towns
106 in Oneida County, City of Rhinelander, Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County
107 Forest Association. We respectfully request that all counties in Wisconsin take similar action in
108 order to safeguard natural resources that all Wisconsin citizens rely upon for recreation,
109 commerce, employment and energy production, and forward same.
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112 Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____
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114 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the
115 Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____
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117 Approved by the _____ this _____ day of _____, 2012.
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119 **Consent Agenda Item: _____ YES _____ NO**
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121 Offered and passage moved by:
122 _____ Supervisor
123 _____ Supervisor
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132 _____ Ayes

133 _____ Nays

134 _____ Absent

135 _____ Abstain

136 _____ Adopted

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138 by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2012.
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140 _____ Defeated
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143 Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

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145 Ted Cushing, County Board Chair
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