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**2021 RES-411
IN SUPPORT OF NAMING BIG HILL SAVANNA**

4 Dane County has received a request for a geographic name proposal recommendation submitted to the
5 State of Wisconsin Geographic Names Council. The proposal is to name a 350 acre ridge, partially
6 located in the Town of Perry, Big Hill Savanna.

7 The ridge, located both in Dane and Iowa Counties, is historically important and significant for ecological
8 restoration and conservation efforts as it is located within the Southwest Grassland and Stream
9 Conservation Area.

10 72 acres of the ridge is held in a conservation easement plan by The Prairie Enthusiasts and is managed
11 as a grassland that provides habitat for numerous migratory grassland bird species. The ridge is also the
12 site of Wisconsin's first conservation aquaculture project.

13 According to the Perry Historical Center, the ridge was called Big Hill since at least the early part of the
14 20th Century. The proposed name captures and merges European settlement history with more recent
15 trends of significant conservation of the area.

16 On February 8, 2022 the Town of Perry Town Board approved a motion of support for the name Big Hill
17 Savanna.

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the
20 application to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council to and accepts the proposed name of Big Hill
21 Savanna.