

2014 RES-286
RECOGNIZING THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL IRONMAN WISCONSIN RACE
AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NICOLE STOCKBURGER

WHEREAS September 7th marks the thirteenth IRONMAN Wisconsin held in Dane County, which is an annual event on the Sunday after Labor Day, consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, and a 26.2 mile run; and

WHEREAS over 2,700 people participate in IRONMAN Wisconsin, attempting to complete the swim, bike ride, and run in a 17 hour period; and

WHEREAS thousands of Dane County residents enjoy watching the race from the Monona Terrace to view the swim from above, to the City of Verona where the athletes pass by on bikes twice, to downtown Madison to watch participants complete the race; and

WHEREAS IRONMAN Wisconsin has an estimated multi-million dollar economic impact to Dane County due to athletes and vendors and their families staying at area hotels and eating at Dane County restaurants, as well as spectators who purchase IRONMAN merchandise; and

WHEREAS Nicole Stockburger, an employee of the Dane County Department of Human Services, has competed in 11 IRONMAN competitions throughout the country since 2009 and is in the top 1% of athletes in her age group worldwide, earning her the status of Gold All World Athlete; and

WHEREAS at the 2013 IRONMAN Wisconsin, Nicole completed the swim in less than an hour and a half, the bike ride in just over six hours, and the marathon in less than five and a half hours, for a total time of 13 hours and 11 minutes; and she will compete again in the 2014 IRONMAN Wisconsin race, and – with completion of this, her 12th race – will be eligible to compete in the IRONMAN World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Nicole Stockburger on her impressive accomplishment as an IRONMAN competitor and for being named a Gold All World Athlete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the thirteenth IRONMAN Wisconsin race and expresses appreciation to sponsors, participants, and spectators for their role in supporting this annual event.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Nicole Stockburger, as well as to Ryan Richards, IRONMAN Wisconsin Race Director, and Deb Archer President of the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau and Madison Area Sports Commission as a token of the esteem in which they are held.