

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS Thomas L. Bewick was appointed Wisconsin's first State Leader of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work with the new Cooperative Extension Service in July 1914 and organized the first 4-H Club under Cooperative Extension in Walworth County in October 1914; and

WHEREAS 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of this unique partnership between the counties of the state, the University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development; and

WHEREAS this partnership of University of Wisconsin campuses, the University of Wisconsin-Extension and county-based 4-H Youth Development programs embodies the true meaning of the "Wisconsin Idea" – that the resources of the university shall be extended to the people of the state where they live and work; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development's purpose is to help youth learn leadership, citizenship and life skills, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities; and

WHEREAS the vitality of today's Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program as well as 4-H's national reputation as the largest out-of-school educational organization can be credited to the men and women of vision who accepted the challenge in 1914 to help grow 100 years of Wisconsin leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby commends Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development and its local county 4-H Youth Development Extension Educators for their cooperation and support, which allows the youth and families of Dane County to apply the research and knowledge of the University of Wisconsin to their lives, homes and communities and help build strong leaders for tomorrow.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to the 4H Leaders Association.

Sharon Corrigan, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
15th day of May, 2014.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk

