

**2023 RES-163**

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IN DANE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is a youth leadership organization that provides an opportunity for growth and development through the Life Skills Model based around the four H's of the 4-H clover which are Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Participants are able to build their skills in collaboration with other students of all backgrounds and with adult leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Dane County 4-H has 939 youth members and 327 adult volunteers representing 34 community clubs, the Youth Governance Program, By Youth For Youth, and the Youth Advocates for Community Health Program; and 4-H provides youth between the ages of 5-19 an opportunity to experience fun camp activities, crafts, field games, campfires, swimming, nature walks, games and more; and

**WHEREAS**, participants have opportunities for leadership positions within 4-H by serving as club officers like President, Vice President, Treasurer, Historian and more within their club; and creativity is a valued trait in 4-Hers and clubs encourage their members to share new ideas and create new ways to serve the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Dane County 4-H clubs also organize fundraisers and members volunteer their time to raise money that will support their fellow 4-Hers, with up to \$14,000 in scholarships given each year to Dane County 4-H members; and

**WHEREAS**, Many 4-H members spend all year preparing to show animals at the Dane County Fair which builds discipline, time management, and animal caretaking expertise; and 4-Hers also practice baking, drawing, woodworking, and countless other talents to show at the Fair; and

**WHEREAS**, Hands-on, experiential learning connects 4-Hers to agriculture, STEM, and government in impactful ways, including the opportunity to travel to Space Camp, National 4-H Congress, and Citizenship Washington Focus; and

**WHEREAS**, the work 4-Hers do throughout their time as a member translates to future success in their personal and professional lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors celebrates National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2023 and recognizes the 4-H members, volunteers, and UW Extension Staff that make 4-H such a successful and impactful program.

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Patrick Miles, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Scott McDonell,  
Dane County Clerk