

2024 RES-152

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IN DANE COUNTY FROM OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week is recognized annually, and highlights the impact of 4-H programs and the dedication of its volunteers, educators, and supporters; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is a youth leadership organization that provides opportunities for growth and development through the Life Skills Model based around the four Hs of the 4-H clover, which are Head, Heart, Hands, and Health; and

WHEREAS, youth participants in the 4-H organization learn the value of community service and assume the responsibility for giving back to their clubs and communities; and

WHEREAS, Dane County 4-H'ers have created care packages with hats, gloves, and food for cold weather for unhoused people, one 4-H'er organized a book drive for the Madison Reading Project and collected around 800 books, and the Happy Hikers Club worked at an ice cream booth at Sun Prairie's Corn Fest and raised over \$2,000 earlier this year to fund club educational and social activities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H creates opportunities for members to build friendships and connections with peers outside of their own schools, clubs, communities, and state. Events like the National 4-H Congress give 4-H'ers the chance to get involved nationally and learn more about the operations of the U.S. government while building bonds with youth leaders from around the country; and

WHEREAS, Dane County 4-H Camp provides youth who have completed grades 3-8 with an opportunity to experience fun camp activities, crafts, field games, campfires, swimming, nature walks, games and more. Campers connect with the outdoors, try new activities, and make new friends; and

WHEREAS, showing projects and animals at the Dane County Fair requires 4-H'ers to build skills that benefit them throughout their lives. Through showing horses, dogs, crochet projects, art projects, and photography, they learn discipline, time management, and other transferable skills that help 4-H'ers get their first jobs; and

WHEREAS, Dane County 4-H has 920 youth members and 256 adult volunteers representing 34 community clubs, the Youth Governance Program, By Youth For Youth, and the Youth Advocates for Community Health program. Adult-youth partnerships are key to the success of 4-H, and the organization helps keep adults connected to the next generation of leaders. Adult volunteers learn and grow as much as 4-H youth members in the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors celebrates National 4-H Week from October 6-12, and recognizes the 4-H members, volunteers, and UW Extension Staff that make 4-H such a successful and impactful program.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk