

September 30, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-78

RESOLUTION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE EXPRESSING RACINE COUNTY'S CONCERN OVER EFFORTS TO ERADICATE THE MUTE SWAN POPULATION IN RACINE COUNTY

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has formulated a policy aimed at establishing trumpeter swans in Wisconsin, which policy includes eradication of existing populations of mute swans; and

WHEREAS, although trumpeter swans have not been present in Racine County within living memory, mute swans have been a cherished part of the local environment, especially in the western part of the county, for many years; and

WHEREAS, although DNR suspended mute swan eradication efforts in Racine County for several years, its has resumed such efforts, and the mute swan population in Racine County is dwindling; and

WHEREAS, DNR's continuation of mute swan eradication efforts, with no complementary effort to foster a trumpeter swan population, will deprive western Racine County of a vital part of its ecology and thereby diminish its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Racine County municipalities, including the Town and Village of Waterford, have already expressed their strong opposition to DNR's policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors expresses its strong opposition to the DNR policy of mute swan eradication anywhere in Wisconsin, but especially in Racine County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to Governor Doyle, DNR Secretary Matt Frank, and the members of Racine County's State legislative delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Joseph F. Bellante, Jr., Chairman

Gilbert Bakke, Vice-Chairman

Gaynell Dyess, Secretary

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

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