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4 **RESOLUTION #**

5 **Resolution on Enhanced Wake Regulations**

6 Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the  
7 Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee

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9 Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

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11 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of  
12 the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world, and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its  
15 citizens and local economies, and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the lakes of Oneida County, Wisconsin are integral to the recreational base of  
18 the economy in Oneida County, and

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20 **WHEREAS**, legislation has been proposed to regulate wakesurfing and wakeboarding, and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the legislation as currently written fails to set minimum standards for the  
23 protection of private property, public safety and enjoyment, and aquatic environments, and

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25 **WHEREAS**, towns in Oneida County have already set or are in the process of setting  
26 standards that use evidence from aquatic and engineering studies which protect shorelines of  
27 lakes in Oneida County from erosion by these enhanced wakes, and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the legislation fails to include a standard related to wake depth that would  
30 protect water quality in lakes from scouring by enhanced wakes, and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the legislation also fails to address the transfer of AIS through ballast water  
33 tanks and/or bladders,

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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors  
36 does recommend that the Wisconsin Legislature engage in meaningful discussions to pass  
37 standards that balance the right of everyone to recreate on waters of the State of Wisconsin,  
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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Wisconsin's local governments deserve local control to  
41 set their own standards beyond state minimums, of at least 500 feet from the shore, and to  
42 prohibit enhanced wake creation in waters shallower than at least 30 feet in depth, and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Legislature address the transfer of  
45 aquatic invasive species through ballast water tanks and/or bladders for the protection of water  
46 quality that drives the economy of Oneida County.

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48 Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
49 December, 2023.  
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51 Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

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53 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed  
54 by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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57 Consent Agenda Item:  YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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62 Offered and passage moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

63 Supervisor

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73 \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes

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75 \_\_\_\_\_ Nays

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77 \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

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79 \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

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81 \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted

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84 Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day January, 2024.

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86 \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

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89 Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair