

## **RESOLUTION #1**

### **SUPPORT FOR GROUNDWATER PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, groundwater is a basic resource that citizens and businesses in the state rely upon and expect government to monitor and protect in such a way that we may all prosper, and

**WHEREAS**, negative implications to the citizens and businesses of the state from not having comprehensive groundwater programming available could be catastrophic, and

**WHEREAS**, there exists very little groundwater and drinking water information available on a state-wide basis, and

**WHEREAS**, currently some counties are coordinating their own groundwater programs to test, monitor, and track groundwater quality while also educating well owners about the importance of clean drinking water and protecting their water sources from contamination, and

**WHEREAS**, there exists very few and limited funding sources for counties to plan and implement groundwater programming educate and protect their citizens and groundwater sources, and

**WHEREAS**, potential for groundwater contamination continues to grow state-wide, becoming an ever increasing threat with few additional resources available to mitigate this threat, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, WI Land+Water respectfully encourages, on behalf of all counties, that the state legislature make available additional resources for counties to plan and implement groundwater programming that will lead to better understanding, protection, and utilization of our groundwater and drinking water supplies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be directed to the attention of the state legislators, the governor, the directors of DNR, DATCP, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Adopted by the Northwest Land & Water Conservation Association on December 9, 2016.