RESOLUTION No. 520-19

SUPPORTING SB 302/AB 321 AND SB 310/AB 323 REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE VARIOUS STANDARDS FOR PER- AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

WHEREAS, PFAS are man-made chemicals used in industrial and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s such as: non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain resistant fabrics and carpets, some cosmetics, some firefighting foams, and products that resist grease, water, and oil; and

WHEREAS, research suggests PFAS impact human health in various ways including: increasing cholesterol levels, decreasing how well the body responds to vaccines, increase the risk of thyroid disease, decrease fertility in women; and

WHEREAS, PFAS at levels exceeding the Health Advisory Limit, are known to exist in southeastern Marinette County surface and groundwater; and

WHEREAS, PFAS are known to be in materials land spread on fields in parts of Marinette County; and

WHEREAS, people can consume PFAS by drinking contaminated water, eating fish caught from PFAS contaminated water, or accidentally ingesting contaminated soil or dust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Marinette County supports bipartisan work led by Senator Dave Hansen and Representative John Nygren to reach passage of SB 302/AB 321 and SB 320/AB 323 requiring the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to establish and enforce various standards for PFAS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Marinette County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Adopted this 12th day of November 2019 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board.

Mark Anderson, Chairperson

Submitted by: Development Committee 11/05/2019