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**A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES TO REGULATE INDUSTRIAL SILICA SAND ("FRAC SAND") OPERATIONS**

Without effective local regulation, industrial frac sand operations, including mining, processing and transporting of fracture grade frac sand, present a risk of irreparable harm to the rural character, the traditions, the recognized historical sites, the natural resources including wetlands, shore land, flood plain forests, bluff land, farmland, and the farming and tourism businesses of the Towns and Villages of rural Wisconsin.

Local elected officials in Towns and Villages have enacted regulatory ordinances as a means of protecting the health, safety and general welfare of its communities for over 100 years under their "police powers" guaranteed by the Wisconsin Constitution.

Recent legislative bills, if enacted, would have dramatically limited the jurisdiction and authority of local elected officials to protect the health, safety and welfare of their citizens.

~~and adopted at the April 14, 2014 meeting in Pepin County~~  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress respectfully request the Governor and state legislative representatives to enact legislation that strengthens and protects, rather than weakens, the statutory authority of local officials in towns and villages to regulate by zoning and licensing ordinances all industrial frac sand operations proposed within their respective communities.

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