WHEREAS: The first line of the Wisconsin DNR’s mission statement reads: “To protect and enhance our natural resources: our air, land and water; our wildlife, fish and forests and the ecosystems that sustain all life.”

WHEREAS: Today, climate change represents one of the greatest threats to achieving this mission. Recent climate science studies such as the Oct 2018 International Panel on Climate Change, commonly referred to as the IPCC report and the 4th National Climate Assessment released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, both offer compelling evidence that action to address climate change is urgent. Over the last several years Wisconsin has suffered an unprecedented number of climate related severe weather disasters in addition to the more subtle effects of a warming planet on our natural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Washburn County Conservation Congress on April 13, 2020 recommends that the Natural Resources Board direct the Wisconsin DNR to: i) set a goal of net zero green house gas emissions by 2050 as an organization. ii) create and implement a plan to achieve that goal of net zero green house gas emissions by 2050.

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