

Citizen Resolution # 140121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Resolution to Petition for the Creation of a Wisconsin Legacy Fund

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, in an effort to protect Wisconsin's natural resources and heritage, shall request the Natural Resource Board to petition the Wisconsin State Legislature to propose an amendment to the Wisconsin State Constitution by creating Article VIII, Section 12: Wisconsin Legacy Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legacy Fund shall be funded through an increase of the Wisconsin State sales tax by 3/8 of 1%, with the ability to proportionally adjust; and, WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legacy Fund shall be allocated to 4 sub-funds accordingly:

•33% to the Outdoor Heritage Fund•33% to the Clean Water Fund•19.75% to the Arts & Culture Heritage Fund•14.25% to the Parks & Trails FundWHEREAS, the Outdoor Heritage Fund shall only be spent to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife; and, WHEREAS, the Clean Water Fund shall only be spent to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater; and,WHEREAS, the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund shall only be spent for arts, arts education, arts access, and preserve Wisconsin's cultural heritage; and, WHEREAS, the Parks & Trails Fund shall only be spent to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance; and,WHEREAS, the funding shall reflect fairness across all subbasins (8-digit HUCs). THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wisconsin Conservation shall request the Natural Resource Board to petition the Wisconsin State Legislature to create Article VIII, Section 12: Wisconsin Legacy Fund under the Wisconsin State Constitution.Do you favor creation of a Wisconsin Legacy Fund by enacting an increase of 3/8 of 1% in the state sales tax?

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