



RESOLUTION # 34-7108

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 16/7
BOARD ACTION

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PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: 7-7-08
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RE: SUPPORT FOR MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Wisconsin citizens, businesses, industries and municipalities depend on proper management of waste to protect human health and the environment and to promote continued economic development and the welfare of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, unused and unwanted pharmaceuticals and other medications are being indefinitely stored or disposed of improperly, which can lead to poisoning, abuse, and negative environmental impacts; and,

WHEREAS, a year 2000 USGS survey of 139 streams in 39 States, including Wisconsin, found an average of 7 to 38 medication related contaminants like steroids, hormones and antibiotics; and,

WHEREAS, high levels of endocrine disruptors in our waterways are resulting in an unhealthy and dramatic decrease in some male fish populations and are causing some feminization or sterilization of male fish; and,

WHEREAS, medications should not be flushed or thrown in the trash and there is not a satisfactory disposal option available to most Wisconsin residents; and,

WHEREAS, stakeholders and partners including natural resource organizations, health care facilities, nursing and assisted living facilities, law enforcement, pharmacies, residents and more are interested in properly disposing of unused or unwanted medications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the implementation of medication collection and disposal programs that meet local, state, and federal regulations, that provide service to residents and businesses, that use environmentally sound means of disposing of collected medications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors encourages the State to promote and fund collection programs that meet the needs of citizens and businesses on a permanent year-round basis, as well as event-style, "one day" collection programs and specialized innovative pilot programs such as "rx mail-back"; and,

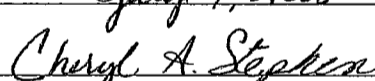
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors also encourages the State to develop funding mechanisms for such programs including the option of being paid by medication producers (pharmaceutical manufacturers).

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to La Crosse County.

Date: 7-7-08

Date: July 7, 2008


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COMMITTEE CHAIR


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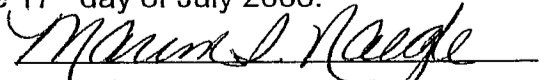
Requested By: Brian Tippetts
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Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17 Day of July, 2008.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Marion I. Naegle, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of July 2008.


Marion I. Naegle, La Crosse County Clerk