



RESOLUTION # 28-8/10

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

**ITEM # 8/9
BOARD
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 32
Against: 2
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

**SUSTAINABLE
LA CROSSE
COMMISSION
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 5
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 4

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: -

**PLANNING
RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: -

**RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN'S OFFICE OF ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE'S 25x25 VISION**

WHEREAS, the County of La Crosse recognizes that conservation, energy-efficiency and renewable energy safeguard our environment, strengthen our economy and reduce costs; and,

WHEREAS, in May, 2005, the County of La Crosse approved Resolution #25-5/05 supporting the Governor's Task Force to have a goal of 10% of the state's energy resources to come from renewable energy by 2015; and,

WHEREAS, in June, 2007, the County of La Crosse approved Resolution #34-6/07 endorsing the principles of sustainable community development and supporting those principles whenever possible in planning, policy-making and practices; began development of a Strategic Plan for Sustainability and formed an ad-hoc Joint Oversight Committee on Sustainability with the City of La Crosse; and,

WHEREAS, in February, 2009, the County of La Crosse approved Resolution #82-2/09 adopting the La Crosse City-County Strategic Plan for Sustainability as prepared by the Joint Oversight Committee on Sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Energy Independence was created by Governor Doyle on April 5, 2007 with the mission to advance energy independence in the State of Wisconsin by:

- Generating 25 percent of the state's electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025,
- Capturing 10 percent of the emerging bioindustry and renewable energy market by 2030, and
- Leading the nation in groundbreaking research that will make renewable energy more affordable and will create good paying Wisconsin jobs.

WHEREAS, the Office of Energy Independence has established the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership to gain voluntary cooperation among communities to foster innovation of energy resources and emerging technologies in pursuit of the "25 x 25 Goals"; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the County of La Crosse's interest to join in the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership to derive the benefits of (1) additional access to state and federal funding, (2) increased technical assistance from state and federal agencies, and (3) improved energy efficiency creating additional savings and capital availability for budgeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board hereby resolves to advance Wisconsin's vision for energy independence by supporting the State of Wisconsin's Office of Energy Independence's vision to generate 25 percent of the County's electricity and 25 percent of our transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025 and become a community partner with the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of La Crosse supports long-range planning and policies that reduce our dependence on fossil fuels while at the same time does not rely on using food-based energy products, but places more emphasis on the use of other renewable and sustainable resources such a wind and solar power and biomass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Office of Energy Independence, our state and federal legislators, and our local energy companies and co-ops.

FISCAL NOTE: the direct fiscal impact on La Crosse County is unknown at this pont.

Date: 6/24/10
Marilyn Pedretti
SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION CHAIR

Date: August 9, 2010
W. H. Ed
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 6/28/10
Don Wilgee
PLANNING RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Margaret Jordan
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| Co. Admin. | <u>SO</u> | _____ | _____ | Requested By: Marilyn Pedretti Date Requested: June 17, 2010 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel |
| Fin. Director | <u>BT</u> | _____ | _____ | |
| Corp. Counsel | <u>WAC</u> | _____ | _____ | |
| Board Chair | <u>SD/mn</u> | _____ | _____ | |

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19TH Day of AUGUST, 2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Linda A. Stone, 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 19th day of August, 2010.

Linda A. Stone
Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk