

**Town of Liberty Grove
Resolution 12-19
Supporting a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Designation for Northeast
Wisconsin**

WHEREAS, the designation of Wisconsin's Lake Superior Estuarian Research Reserve in 2010 provides an outstanding example of broader impacts National Estuarine Reserve (NERR) sites provide to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is currently exploring the feasibility of developing NERR designation for Northeast Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, our region's ecosystem is home to the largest freshwater estuary in the world, the vitality of which is critical to the current and future prosperity of ecological sustainability of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, and the broader region impacted directly the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, research activities associated with a Door County based NERR will attract scholars on both the national and international stage, providing employment opportunities to the region, a stronger connectivity to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and ultimately inject money into the local economy; and

WHEREAS, many of the youth currently enrolled in local school districts value Wisconsin's natural resources for the quality of life opportunities that they provide, shaping decisions about where they live, seek employment, further their education and raise their families; and

WHEREAS, eco-tourism is an established and growing industry in Door County and a research reserve would fit well with Door County's five State Parks and natural features, such as the Niagara Escarpment; and

WHEREAS, a Door County-based NERR will enhance place-based identity, contributing directly to talent recruitment and retention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Liberty Grove, Wisconsin hereby support UWGB as they seek a letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requesting their assistance in exploring the feasibility of a NERR designation for Northeast Wisconsin.

I, Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County Wisconsin hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was adopted at a properly noticed meeting of the Liberty Grove Town Board on the 16th day of October, 2019.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2019

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer