## **RESOLUTION #63-2016**

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County has lands enrolled in the County Forest Law program commonly referred to as the Oneida County Forest; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to s. 28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, this land is managed in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, on a sustainable basis for maximum public benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** Oneida County, and the Wisconsin County Forest Association have deemed the process of forest certification to be in the best interest of the County Forest System for sustaining the forest industry and the many benefits provided by county forest lands in Oneida County and the State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forest was included in the 2004 group audit pool for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and has been found to be in conformance with the standard of the program and has been a participant since January 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from several local mills including Domtar, Mouw-Verso, and Expera have indicated that their customers have requested that they offer FSC-certified products; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County is now seeking dual certification and inclusion in the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) forest certification system; and

WHEREAS, the direct costs of forest certification are to be paid by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and if not, participation in the forest certification programs will be brought back to the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee and/or the Oneida County Board of Supervisors for reconsideration of Oneida County's participation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee and formally accepts and commits to dual certification and participation in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) forest certification systems and that the management of the Oneida County Forest be consistent with the standards set forth.

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The County Boar	d has the legal auth	ority to adopt: Yes	No as reviev	wed
by the Corporatio	n Counsel,		, Date:	
Approved by the	Forestry, Land and	Recreation Committee this	s 5 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016	
Consent Agenda I	Item:YES	XNO		
Offered and pass	age moved by:			
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65	by the County Board of Supervisors this _	day	, 2016.
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70	Mary Bartelt, County Clerk	David Hintz, County Boar	