RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 27, 2026,
AS SNOWPLOW DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
IN FOND DU LAC COUNTY**

WHEREAS, county highway personnel and municipal snowplow operators across Wisconsin provide a vital public service, often working long hours in severe weather to help ensure that motorists can access jobs, businesses, medical services and recreational destinations throughout the winter season, and

WHEREAS, for over a century, a unique partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Wisconsin's 72 county highway departments have maintained the state's highway system during winter months, providing snowplowing, salting and liquid applications so that travelers can get to where they need to go safely and efficiently, and

WHEREAS, these same counties work with WisDOT year-round to take advantage of shared resources to establish best practices, test new tools and develop new methods to keep Wisconsin's roads reliable and safe, and

WHEREAS, winter maintenance is about public safety and snowplow drivers across the state work around the clock to clear approximately 115,000 miles of Wisconsin's state and local roadways, including over 785 miles of County Highways and 614 miles of State Highway within Fond du Lac County to ensure safe driving conditions every winter season, and

WHEREAS, as winter weather is ever-changing and often unpredictable, dedicated snowplow drivers across the state sacrifice their own personal and family schedules to put the health and safety of their communities first, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin joins WisDOT in celebrating the important work and ongoing contributions of the state's snowplow drivers and in urging all Wisconsinites to slow down and exercise caution when encountering snowplows on the road, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute § 346.915 requires the operator of any vehicle that is not a snowplow to stay back a minimum of 200 feet on our highways posted over 35 mph and a safe rule is if you cannot see the snow plow truck's side mirrors, the snow plow operator cannot see you and may not be aware you are behind the truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors designate November 27, 2026, as Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day in Fond du Lac County and in the State of Wisconsin.

Dated _____

SUBMITTED BY:
HIGHWAY, AIRPORT AND
FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Michael J. Will

John J. Rickert

Karen Madigan

Jeffrey N. Montsma

Michael J. Streetar

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund. The Highway Department will be organizing a work zone safety public awareness campaign in which Snowplow Appreciation Day follows within the Department's ongoing efforts. The department is anticipating spending less than $350 on this project. The funding for this project is available in the adopted 2026 Highway Department budget.

APPROVED BY:

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Sam Kaufman
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY
AND FORM BY:

Meggin R. McNamara
CORPORATION COUNSEL

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. _____.

Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstained ____ Excused ____ Absent ____

__ Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____.

__ Denied this _____ day of _____.

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Lisa Freiberg
COUNTY CLERK