

**PETITION FOR RETURN OF LOCAL CONTROL OF SHORELAND ZONING AND
RESTORATION OF LAKE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY PETITION THE VILAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the lakes and rivers of Vilas County are the foundation of our county's economy;

WHEREAS, waterfront property provides more than 77 percent of our county's tax base¹;

WHEREAS, our lake classification system was adopted by this county and 42 other Wisconsin counties after lengthy research, debate and ultimate agreement by all constituencies to provide the foundation of intelligent county regulation;

WHEREAS, shoreland zoning regulations affecting Vilas County were changed fundamentally in the last session of the state legislature without notice, consultation or public hearing;

WHEREAS, regulation of non-conforming structures has been reduced and limited to clearly objectionable standards; and

WHEREAS, our water quality is placed in jeopardy by the new inadequate standards that have been shown to cause deterioration, and our property values, the tax base and our economy are thereby adversely affected.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned individuals, riparian property owners, lake associations and town governments of Vilas County hereby request, in the strongest possible terms, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors recognize the undersigned as the stewards of our lakes and rivers and further, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors pass a resolution in support of returning local control over shoreland zoning to our counties and townships and restoring our historic lake classification system as it existed before the passage of Act 55 in July of 2015 as the foundation of county shoreland zoning.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO:

ORGANIZATION NAME

DATE

BY: _____
