**RESOLUTION NO.2011-02**

**IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREA (AEA) WITHIN THE TOWN OF BRILLION, CALUMET COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is accepting applications for the designation of Agricultural Enterprise Areas throughout the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is an important component of the area economy, landscape and rural character; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brillion has consistently supported and encouraged area agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brillion has adopted farmland preservation zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town identified preservation of agriculture in the Town of Brillion Comprehensive (Smart Growth) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brillion believes that establishment of an Agricultural Enterprise Area will protect the local agricultural economy and rural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brillion has determined, based on petitioner support and previous meetings where AEA and other farmland preservation tools were discussed, that there is public support for the AEA;

**WHEREAS**, the continued preservation of land in agricultural use will support jobs in the agricultural industry, attract agricultural related businesses, limit incompatible land uses, and help curb residential sprawl; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is an important area land use and worthy of preservation and support.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF BRILLION,** that the Town Board does hereby support the designation of the "Hilbert Ag Land on Track" Agricultural Enterprise Area partially within the Town of Brillion.

Adopted this 8th day of February, 2011.

Wayne Maile

Wayne Maile, Chairman

Attest:

Karen Lamers, Clerk