

**RESOLUTION URGING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO  
PASS THE CLEAR ACT AND APPROVE PROPOSED PFAS STANDARDS  
IN DRINKING, SURFACE, AND GROUNDWATER**

**WHEREAS**, access to clean, safe, drinking water is an essential human right recognized in 2010 by the United Nations through passage of Resolution 64/292 by the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, residents living in the Town of Peshtigo rely on privately owned groundwater wells to supply water needed for drinking, cooking, bathing, and other daily needs; and

**WHEREAS**, over 230 privately owned wells have been contaminated with toxic forever chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) after Tyco Industries/Johnson Controls, Inc failed to report the release of PFAS into groundwater and wastewater in violation of Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 292; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued fish and deer liver consumption advisories within the plume of PFAS; and

**WHEREAS**, PFAS are defined as toxic manmade chemicals which do not breakdown in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, PFAS bio-accumulate in the human body and have been found to cause health complications including: thyroid disease, testicular cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, damaged immune systems, low infant birthweights, decreased fertility of women, increased cholesterol, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, no federal or state government standards exist regulating the manufacture, use, disposal and discharge of PFAS into the environment or for human consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 Governor Tony Evers issued Executive Order #40 establishing the PFAS Coordinating Council and ordering the DNR to promulgate rules establishing standards for PFAS in drinking, surface, and groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services (DHS) has identified and recommended standards for PFAS for the DNR to establish standards for in drinking, surface, and groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, over 60 contamination sites have been identified in Wisconsin and new contamination continues to be discovered; and

**WHEREAS**, testing and monitoring of PFAS is required to identify new sites and remediate current contamination in a timely, equitable manner; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 361 (The CLEAR Act) have been introduced into the Wisconsin State Legislature's 2021-2023 session which would establish emergency standards, provide funding for testing, monitoring, remediation, and certification of state labs; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of the CLEAR Act would assist the Town of Peshtigo to protect resident's drinking water and prevent future contamination;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Peshtigo Board of Supervisors calls on State Senator Eric Wimberger and State Representative Elijah Behnke to sign-on as co-sponsors to the CLEAR Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town of Peshtigo Board of Supervisors urges State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and State Senate President Devin LeMahieu to schedule and ensure swift passage of the CLEAR Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town of Peshtigo Board of Supervisors urges the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules to allow the rulemaking process to continue unimpeded. So, that proposed updates to natural resource rules NR 105, 106, 219, 809, and 140 to establish permanent standards for PFAS in drinking, surface, and groundwater can be enacted into law to prevent future harm.