



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2009-52

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE REDUCTION OF PHOSPHORUS IN HOUSEHOLD MACHINE DISHWASHING DETERGENTS

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD	X		
BEMMANN		X	
BOGENSCHUTZ	X		
BRANN	X		
DeBAKER	X		
DeWITT	X		
FISHER	X		
FONTAINE	X		
GUNNLAUGSSON	X		
HAINES	X		
JEANQUART			X
LIEBE	X		
MEYER	X		
MOELLER	X		
MULLIKEN	X		
NEINAS	X		
OLSON		X	
RUNQUIST	X		
SAVARD		X	
VIRLEE	X		
ZIPPERER	X		
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BOARD ACTION

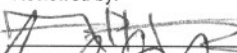
Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

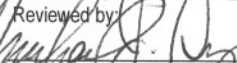
Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Mulliken Defeated

2nd Fontaine

No: 3 Yes: 17 Exc: 1

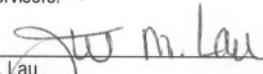
Reviewed by:  Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:  Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: This resolution is showing support for the limitation of phosphorus in household dishwasher detergent. No fiscal impact. sms

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 23rd day of June, 2009 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.


Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, it is vital for the State of Wisconsin to protect the quality of its
2 groundwater and surface water, including all of its lakes, rivers, streams, and the
3 adjacent Great Lakes; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a single pound of phosphorus in runoff can cause up to 500 pounds
5 of algae growth, and the accelerated growth of weeds and algae causes a
6 deterioration in water quality; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the use of household machine dishwasher detergents with high
8 levels of phosphorus causes excess phosphorus discharge into Wisconsin's lakes,
9 rivers, and streams; and

10 **WHEREAS**, switching to non-phosphorus (not to exceed 0.5% by weight)
11 machine dishwashing detergent is a simple way to improve water quality and reduce
12 the cost of operating wastewater plants; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Lake Michigan and Green Bay beaches and shoreline in Door
14 County and other counties have been plagued with algae washing ashore; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Door County has over 250 miles of shoreline in addition to inland
16 lakes where the introduction of excess phosphorus can adversely affect water quality;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, reduction of phosphorus from machine dishwashing detergents will
19 reduce the presence of algae in Wisconsin's waters and help to improve water
20 quality; and

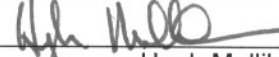
21 **WHEREAS**, the limit for most cleaning products is 0.5% phosphorus by weight
22 and the current limit for household dishwashing detergents is 8.7% phosphorus by
23 weight; and

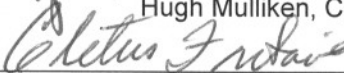
24 **WHEREAS**, State legislation (AB 281) has been introduced which would limit
25 the amount of phosphorus in household machine dishwasher detergent to 0.5% by
26 weight.


27 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Door County Board of
28 Supervisors support the adoption of State legislation that would limit phosphorus in
29 household dishwasher detergent to 0.5% by weight.

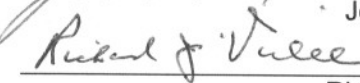
30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of
31 this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
32 Secretary Scott Hassett; Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer
33 Protection Secretary Rod Nilsestuen; Wisconsin Senator Alan Lasee; Wisconsin
34 Representative Garey Bies; Wisconsin Senator Majority Leader Senator Russell
35 Decker; Wisconsin State Assembly Majority Leader Representative Thomas Nelson,
36 Chair of Assembly Committee on Natural Resources Representative Spencer Black,
37 and Chair of the Senate Committee on Environment Senator Mark Miller.

SUBMITTED BY:
Land Conservation Committee


Hugh Mulliken, Chairman


Cletus Fontaine


John Neinas


Richard Virlee


Ryan Chaudoir