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## MENOMINEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### **RESOLUTION – 2021-24**

#### ***RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BAY OF GREEN BAY AS A NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE (NERR)***

**WHEREAS**, the Bay of Green Bay is the largest freshwater estuary in the world and vital to the health and ecological integrity of Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay of Green Bay has stimulated a significant amount of widely relevant research on the fate and behavior of toxics, biogeochemistry, habitat, biodiversity, and ecological processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay is leading the effort to have the Bay of Green Bay designated as a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR); and

**WHEREAS**, establishing a Green Bay National Estuarine Reserve (NERR) would provide funding and resources for research, monitoring, education, and outreach to address issues such as changing water levels, flooding, coastal erosion, and harmful algal blooms; and

**WHEREAS**, educational programming and opportunities for community involvement presented by a Bay of Green Bay national Estuarine Reserve (NERR) will benefit students, adults, and community leaders throughout the region by raising awareness of estuaries and coastal ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, a Green Bay National Estuarine Reserve (NERR) will help restore, protect, and preserve one of the most significant and biodiverse ecosystems in the Great Lakes Region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Menominee County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the efforts of the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay as they seek to establish a National Estuarine Research reserve on the Bay of Green Bay.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Menominee County Board of Commissioners endorses Marinette County as the quintessential location for a Green Bay National Estuarine Reserve Research & Visitor Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Menominee County Board of Commissioners offers the resources of Menominee County to assist the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay as they seek the National Estuarine Research Reserve designation for the Bay of Green Bay.

Roll call vote:        AYES:   8                  NAYS:   0  

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Lawrence Phelps, Chairman

10/12/2021  
Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MENOMINEE    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of **Resolution 2021-24** adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on **October 12, 2021**, and I further certify that the public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
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Marc Kleiman, Menominee County Clerk