

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM  
BY THE VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE**

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**WHEREAS**, for more than 30 years, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has protected Wisconsin's land, wildlife, and outdoor recreation assets, benefiting communities in all 72 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the program, named after Governors Warren Knowles and Gaylor Nelson, reflects Wisconsin's bipartisan tradition of caring for natural resources, expanding public access, and strengthening outdoor recreation, and

**WHEREAS**, Knowles-Nelson matching funds have enabled thousands of conservation projects statewide, including shoreline restoration, trail development, park improvements, habitat protection, and expanded recreation opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Pewaukee has a history of using Stewardship funds responsibly to improve park facilities and amenities that contribute to community health, quality of life and economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is currently authorized only through June 2026, making renewal in the upcoming state budget essential to avoid disruption to conservation efforts statewide;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of the Village of Pewaukee strongly supports reauthorizing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and restoring funding necessary to meet Wisconsin's long-term conservation and outdoor recreation needs; and

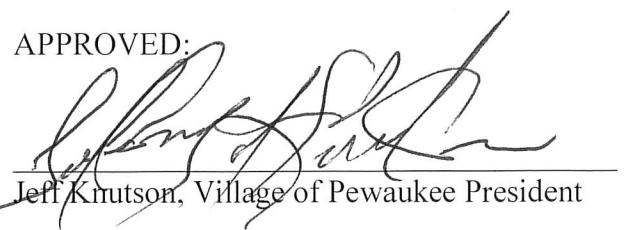
**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED** that the Village of Pewaukee supports the establishment of a bipartisan oversight committee to ensure efficient project review and timely access to Stewardship funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village reaffirms its commitment to using Stewardship funds responsibly and transparently to protect natural resources and expand recreational opportunities for future generations; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the state legislators representing the Village of Pewaukee.

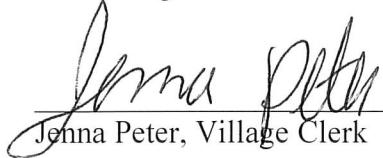
Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

APPROVED:



Jeff Krutson, Village of Pewaukee President

Countersigned:



Jehna Peter, Village Clerk