

Resolution No. 6-0616

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMENDMENT OF STATE LEGISLATION
TO ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER
OF OWNERSHIP OF MUNICIPAL DAMS**

WHEREAS, Iowa County currently owns and maintains eleven PL-566 dams constructed and maintained through public financing, some of which are located on private lands; and

WHEREAS, in the future, Iowa County may wish to transfer ownership of its municipal PL-566 dams to private individuals or entities; and

WHEREAS, private individuals or entities may wish to take ownership of Iowa County's municipal PL-566 dams; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of dam ownership from municipalities to private individuals or entities may be mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS, if ownership of a dam was transferred from a municipality to a private individual or entity, the dam would remain subject to inspection and oversight by the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, existing Wisconsin statutes and regulations do not allow for the transfer of a dam from municipal ownership to private ownership; and

WHEREAS, this is a subject of statewide interest, as there are other municipalities in Wisconsin similarly restricted in their ability to transfer ownership of municipal dams to private individuals or entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors supports amendment of existing Wisconsin statutes and regulations pertaining to dam ownership to allow the transfer of ownership of such dams from municipalities to private individuals or entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa County Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin DNR Dam Safety Program, to the Wisconsin state legislators representing Iowa County, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at its 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

Resolution drafted by Iowa County Corporation Counsel and respectfully submitted at the request of the Land Conservation Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2016.