RESOLUTION NO. 6-998

Whereas, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance and effectiveness of Extension Education for the people of Iowa County; and

Whereas, Community Resource Development educators are an integral part of UW-Extension programming; and

Whereas, a Community Resource Development educator would serve the Business and Economic Development needs in assisting county businesses, industries, organizations and communities identify alternative solutions to their community economic development needs and help them devise strategies to attain identified goals;

Whereas, a Community Resource Development educator provides Natural Resource and Tourism needs to county residents and government officials with information regarding the management of the land and water resources of the county including educational programs on environmental concerns and public policy issues, particularly as the affect community development issues, such as natural resource management and tourism development;

Whereas, a Community Resource Development educator provides an approach to Government and Community Development that helps local leaders and citizen groups learn how to make better decisions on issues concerning the enhancement of their communities. Citizen communities can draw upon the educator's expertise in the fields of community data gathering, consensus determination, land use and other policy planning, and organizing for action. Government education programs provide opportunities for local appointed and elected officials to make their units of government as effective and cost efficient as possible;

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Extension is offering a Community Resource Development position to Iowa County under contract where Iowa County is responsible for 40% of the finances for the position;

Now, therefore, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors recommends support for the Community Resource Development Educator position for Iowa County.

Iowa County Board of Supervisors

September 17, 1998

Richard M. Scullion, Chair