

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



WHEREAS: the State of Wisconsin hereby recognizes Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development for its Centennial and its invaluable contributions to the state; and

WHEREAS: Thomas L. Bewick was appointed Wisconsin's first State Leader of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work with the new Cooperative Extension Service in July 1914 and organized the first 4-H club under Cooperative Extension in Walworth County in October 1914; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development began providing access to research from the University of Wisconsin through corn and canning clubs for youth, and expanded its programming to include science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), youth leadership, healthy living, arts and communications; and

WHEREAS: the 100th anniversary of the first Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development club commemorates the contributions of all University of Wisconsin-Extension educators to Wisconsin's growth and development; and

WHEREAS: this partnership of the State of Wisconsin through the University of Wisconsin System, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and all 72 county partners embodies the true meaning of the "Wisconsin Idea" - that the resources of the university shall be extended to the people of the state where they live and work; and

WHEREAS: the vitality of today's Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program as well as 4-H's national reputation as the largest out-of-school educational organization can be credited to the men and women of vision who accepted the challenge in 1914 to help grow 100 years of Wisconsin leaders; and

WHEREAS: the State of Wisconsin benefits from more than 350,000 youth involved in Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development and other University of Wisconsin-Extension youth programs learning life skills such as leadership, communications, citizenship, responsibility and character more than any other out-of-school program to prepare them for careers not yet invented; and

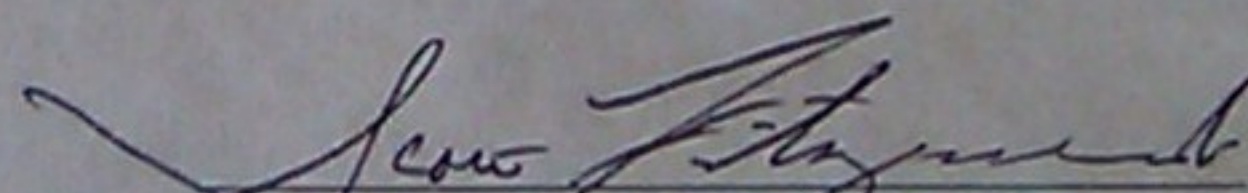
WHEREAS: over 20,000 volunteers contribute 2.6 million hours a year with an economic value of over \$65 million dollars in support of this positive youth development program; and

WHEREAS: this Centennial will be commemorated at public events held throughout the year and around the state; **NOW**

THEREFORE: be it resolved that the members of the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald and Representative Vos hereby congratulate Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development on the occasion of its Centennial and commend 4-H Youth Development on their significant contributions to the state of Wisconsin and its residents.

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Representative Robin J. Vos
Assembly Speaker


Senator Scott Fitzgerald
Senate Majority Leader