

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

HONORING THE UW – EXTENSION 4-H 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS; in 1914, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development began providing access to research from the University of Wisconsin through corn and canning clubs for youth and expanded 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 UW – Extension educators to Wisconsin's growth and development; and

WHEREAS; this partnership of the State of Wisconsin through the University of Wisconsin System and the University of Wisconsin – Extension, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and all 72 county partners embodies the true meaning of the "Wisconsin Idea;" 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 who learn life skills such as leadership, communication, and responsibility to prepare them for their future careers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby congratulate everyone associated with UW – Extension 4-H on their Centennial, and thank them for all they have done for the people of Wisconsin.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL IN THE CATY OF MADISON THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014.

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR