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Resolution No. 12,620

WHEREAS, the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors has been presented or made aware of several hog AFOs (animal feeding operations) just under the 500-animal unit threshold requiring further DNR guidelines and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, more than 60 signatures and dozens of citizens petitioned the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors with concerns about a lack of manure management plans and filings, appropriate setbacks, air and water quality, nuisance conditions, transparency, and the lack of neighborhood input; and,

WHEREAS, many citizens believe that several simultaneously constructed facilities just under the 500-threshold capacity by a parent entity such as a corporate, absentee owner, or factory farm circumvents the intent of the Legislature to support small-time or family, homestead farming; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa leads the nation as a pork producer but reasonable rules and regulations can be achieved in a balanced way that does not overregulate and impede economic development of an important industry; and,

WHEREAS, citizens are looking for collaborative, cooperative solutions and seek SAFO/CAFO facility developers to sponsor a neighborhood gathering or meeting followed by a formal public hearing which would place developers and neighbors face to face where issues could be aired resulting in changes in location, construction, and operating practices which could mitigate actual or perceived concerns; and,

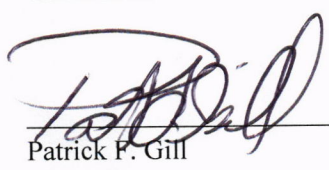
WHEREAS, passage of legislation providing additional DNR review could lead to increased setback requirements, manure management filings, and manure management controls applying to all facilities no matter the size of animal units;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors do hereby petition the Governor of Iowa, the State Legislature, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources to address these issues in order to balance the economic development key to our growth as an agricultural state with the protection of air, water, health, "quality of life," and economic interests of the citizens we were elected to represent.

SO RESOLVED this 29th day of August, 2017.

ATTEST:

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Patrick F. Gill
Woodbury County Auditor/Recorder



Matthew A. Ung, Chairman

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