

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 15

1 **Relating to:** urging Congress to approve legislation to halt additional acquisition
2 of lands in Sauk and Columbia counties by the United States Fish and Wildlife
3 Service.

4 Whereas, the United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed the
5 purchase of approximately 8,116 acres of land in the town of Fairfield, county of
6 Sauk, and the town of Caledonia, county of Columbia, for the creation of the Aldo
7 Leopold Wildlife Refuge; and

8 Whereas, there is no public record of any local organization urging the U.S. Fish
9 and Wildlife Service to pursue this proposal; and

10 Whereas, the Wisconsin assembly supports local decision making and as it
11 relates to the Aldo Leopold Wildlife Refuge proposal, the local government officials
12 have opted to reflect the vocal majority's wishes, all affected now having approved
13 resolutions in opposition to the land acquisition for the purpose being promoted by
14 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including the Sauk County Board, the Columbia
15 County Board, the towns of Fairfield in Sauk County and Caledonia in Columbia

1 County, the Sauk County Agricultural Society, the town of Baraboo, the town of
2 Greenfield and other local organizations; now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly urge
4 President Clinton and the Congress of the United States to approve legislation to
5 halt additional acquisition of lands in Sauk and Columbia counties by the U.S. Fish
6 and Wildlife Service or to halt action by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by
7 executive order; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
9 to President Clinton, to each member of this state's congressional delegation and to
10 the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

11 (END)