



**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 52**

**Relating to the Dissolution of the  
Dane County Regional Planning Commission**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin identified the need to address land use, water quality, transportation and environmental issues on a regional basis more than 40 years ago by authorizing the creation of regional planning commissions;

**WHEREAS**, all but six of Wisconsin's 72 counties participate in multi-county regional planning commissions, which have proven to be a valuable resource for local and state government in identifying emerging trends that must be addressed through sound planning;

**WHEREAS**, the only counties in Wisconsin that are not included in a multi-county regional planning commission are the five counties that border on Dane County, specifically, Sauk, Dodge, Columbia, Jefferson and Rock counties;

**WHEREAS**, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission is the only regional planning commission in Wisconsin that serves only one county rather than a region;

**WHEREAS**, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission was created by 1970 Executive Order 22 by Governor Warren Knowles;

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of only one county in the Dane County Regional Planning Commission led to concerns being expressed by towns and small communities in Dane County that the Commission was unfairly dominated by the urban areas of the county;

**WHEREAS**, these concerns have grown over time, and resulted in 1998 in adoption of resolutions by 35 communities in Dane County that invoked their right under the statutes to dissolve the Dane County Regional Planning Commission and to withdraw their communities from the jurisdiction of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission;

**WHEREAS**, certified copies of all 35 resolutions were filed with the Office of the Governor in August 1998 and have been found to be in proper form;

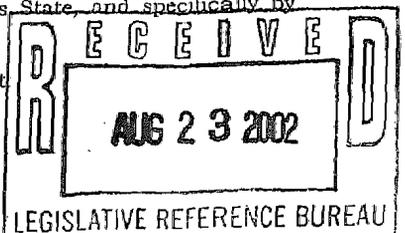
**WHEREAS**, efforts were made to avoid the need for dissolution by reconstituting the Dane County Regional Planning Commission through adoption of provisions in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 that changed the membership of the Commission and established a separate Task Force to review the possibility of creating a multi-county regional planning commission;

**WHEREAS**, the chair of the Task Force has now reported to me by letter dated August 8, 2002, indicating that the work of the Task Force is completed, and on the basis of its review, recommending dissolution of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission;

**WHEREAS**, before a multi-county regional planning commission may be created to serve the six counties in South Central Wisconsin, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission should be dissolved;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALUM**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Section 66.0309 (15) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Find, pursuant to sec. 66.0309 (15), Wis. Stats., that



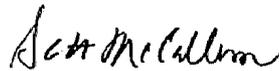
- A. I have received certified copies of thirty-five (35) resolutions that recommend the dissolution of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission;
  - B. such Resolutions were adopted by the governing bodies of a majority of the local units in the region of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission;
  - C. adequate provisions have been made for the payment of the debts and outstanding expenses of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission.
- II. Based on the foregoing findings, I hereby issue the following:

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

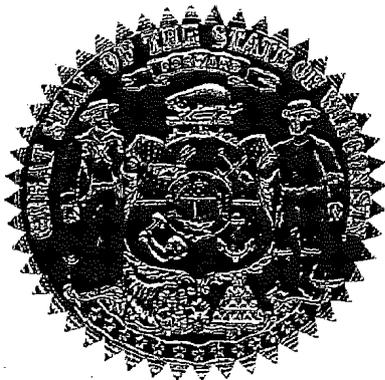
I, **SCOTT McCALLUM**, as Governor of the State of Wisconsin, hereby issue this Certificate of Dissolution of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission, and hereby declare, order and determine that the Dane County Regional Planning Commission shall cease to exist; this Certificate shall be effective as of and for October 1, 2002, and I:

1. Direct the Department of Natural Resources and other state agencies, for all purposes, to treat the communities in Dane County as if they are not part of a regional planning commission and further direct the Department of Natural Resources to assume the duties of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission in the implementation of the Federal Clean Water Act;
2. Create the Governor's Special Commission on Regional Planning In South Central Wisconsin [hereinafter the "Special Commission"], consisting of the County Board Chairpersons (or their designees) of the Counties of Sauk, Columbia, Dane, Rock, Jefferson and Dodge, and one representative of municipal government from each of the listed counties;
3. Direct that the Special Commission shall be chaired by Mark Bugher, Director, UW Research Park;
4. Provide that the Special Commission shall have the following mission: To meet regularly in the fall of 2002 and report to me no later than November 1, 2002 with a plan stating the conditions under which a regional planning commission that includes these six counties may be created, said Special Commission to solicit input and views of local units in the six-county region; and
5. Provide that the Special Commission shall dissolve when its final report is accepted by the Governor.

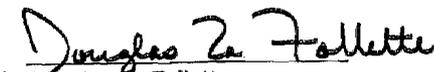
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year two thousand two.



Scott McCallum  
Governor



By the Governor:



Douglas La Follette  
Secretary of State