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No appropriation is required.

Title

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Body

WHEREAS; the diversification of farmland, such as, crop rotation, a diversity of food-crop production, and value-added on-farm production, is critical to mitigate the risk to individual farmers of relying on one uniform crop;

WHEREAS; crop rotation replenishes soil nutrients that are vital to maximize yields while reducing reliance on artificial enhancers;

WHEREAS; diversification promotes the utilization and maximization of existing farmland, key to combating deforestation, loss of native prairielands, and erosion, all symptoms of the ever-expanding footprint of agriculture;

WHEREAS; diversification encourages the production of food-crop for human consumption, especially in making balanced nutrition available to local and regional food systems, instead of production for fuel and feed;

WHEREAS; diversification has the potential to promote climate-responsible production, decreasing the amount of water and chemicals needed to stimulate uniform crops in all seasons;

WHEREAS; federal farm and food legislation historically provides large subsidies and aggressive crop insurance for corn and soybean production with little incentives or programs for diversified farming practices, especially fruits and vegetables production.

WHEREAS; MyPlate standards, developed by the USDA and the Obama Administration, call for balanced, healthy diets for all Americans in order to combat the epidemic of obesity, and those standards should be reflected in farm and food legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council urge the U.S. Congress, the Obama Administration, the Congressional Delegation of Wisconsin, and other governmental bodies and organizations to develop and support policies and programs that encourage the development of diversified farmland which promotes a healthy, sustainable food production system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the diversification of farmland is crucial to the nation's food security, support of local and regional food systems, and the health and wellness of individuals and the environment.