

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors Mary Mawhinney &  
Russ Podzilni  
INITIATED BY  
County Board Staff Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



Nick Osborne  
DRAFTED BY  
January 14, 2019  
DATE DRAFTED

**RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE KLETT**

1 **WHEREAS**, Stephanie Klett has deep roots in Rock County: graduating from Beloit College in 1989 and  
 2 serving as Miss Wisconsin in 1992; and,  
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 4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Klett was the host of the longest-running tourism TV show in the U.S., *Discover*  
 5 *Wisconsin*, from 1993 to 2011, crisscrossing the state non-stop, delving into the most remote corners, sharing  
 6 and promoting wonderfully unique characteristics of Wisconsin's towns and cities; and,  
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 8 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Klett received the 2009-2010 Emmy for "Outstanding Achievement for Individual  
 9 Excellence On Camera;" and,  
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 11 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, she became the founder and, until 2013, President of Spotlight on Wisconsin, Inc., an  
 12 organization which raised money and awareness for the work of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin,  
 13 Beloit Regional Hospice and the Stateline Boys and Girls Clubs; and,  
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 15 **WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2011, she was appointed as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism  
 16 by Governor Scott Walker and served in the position until January 2019; and,  
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 18 **WHEREAS**, from 2011-2018, income from tourism dollars increased an astonishing 35%, going from \$14.5  
 19 billion to a record-setting \$20 billion dollars; and,  
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 21 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, Ms. Klett was named as one of the "Top Women in Travel" and was one of four  
 22 tourism professionals from around the world honored for "Outstanding Women in Destination  
 23 Management/Marketing" by Women in Travel and Tourism International (WITTI); and,  
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 25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
 26 this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 does hereby recognize Stephanie Klett for her 25 years of service  
 27 supporting Wisconsin tourism and extends best wishes in her future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzilni  
J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

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Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

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