

## **KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:**

WHEREAS, George Wehrwein was a pioneer in the development of modern land economics; and

WHEREAS, his first textbook, "Land Economics," published in 1940, advanced the theory that land use policy can be used to make wise decisions about the use of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, George was the leading teacher of land economics in the 1920s, '30s and '40s; and

WHEREAS, his work with state and local officials led to the recovery of thousands of acres of denuded, taxdelinquent land in northern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, his work with state and local officials led to the establishment of county zoning, the first real example of rural land use zoning in the nation; and

WHEREAS, George's pioneering article, "The Rural-Urban Fringe," published in the journal "Economic Geography," is credited with providing the theoretical framework for researchers worldwide who continue to address the conflict between rural land uses and urban expansion; now

THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Legislature, on the motion of Senator Shibilski and Representative Lassa, commend GEORGE WEHRWEIN for his accomplishments and for being inducted posthumously into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

SCOTT R. JF SEN Speaker of Le Assembly

FRED A. RISSER
President of the Senate

<u>April 20, 2002</u> DATE

DONALD J. SCHNEIDER

Senate Chief Clerk