

**VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN**  
**Jackson County, Wisconsin**

**PROCLAMATION**

**REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN BEING PROUDLY PUBLIC POWER**

**WHEREAS**, we, the citizens of the Village of Merrilan, value local control and are proud to operate a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility and, as customers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies;

**WHEREAS**, Merrilan Municipal Electric & Water Utility provides our homes, businesses, schools, and social service and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and safe electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates;

**WHEREAS**, Merrilan Municipal Electric & Water Utility is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental responsibility, economic development, and safety awareness;

**WHEREAS**, Merrilan Municipal Electric & Water Utility is a dependable and trustworthy service provider whose local operations have been helping to make our community a better place to live and work since it was first formed in 1904;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Merrilan is one of 81 communities across Wisconsin to benefit from owning and operating its own electric utility and is a member of Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, a trade association marking its 95th anniversary advocating on behalf of public power utilities like Merrilan Municipal Electric & Water Utility;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** I Chris Wruck President of the Village of Merrilan declare that Merrilan Municipal Electric & Water Utility remains committed to delivering affordable, safe, reliable, and sustainable electricity to the Village of Merrilan and our citizens without the use of tax dollars;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that Merrilan Municipal Electric & Water Utility is united with other community-owned electric utilities in Wisconsin and plans to join in celebrating public power and the tremendous value and benefits of the not-for-profit, locally controlled business model;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Village of Merrilan is “Proudly Public Power” and puts our residents, businesses, and the community before profits.

Approved and passed by a unanimous vote of the Village of Merrilan Trustees on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023,

  
Chris Wruck  
Village President