

## **Resolution 1**

### **Issue:**

A program needs to be established that allows retiring farms a place to get market value for their land while also allowing new farmers, young farmers, or those wishing to expand an opportunity to either lease, lease to own or buy that land. It is becoming more difficult for young, new and expanding farmers to afford to buy farmland and keep it in production.

**Whereas** there is a limited access to farmland on the Island

**Whereas** the average age of the PEI farming population continues to trend higher

**Whereas** rising farmland costs on PEI continue to make it difficult for young farmers, new entrants or those wishing to expand to acquire land

**Whereas** the population of PEI continues to rise, urban sprawl continues to take farmland out of production

**Therefore be it resolved** that the PEI Federation of Agriculture lobby the Provincial Government to establish a land bank program in order to create opportunity for young farmers, new entrants and people wishing to expand so our farmland stays in production.