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RESOLUTION NO. 36-12-2019

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REVISE STATUTES FOR COURT FEES AND COSTS IN PROBATE AND JUVENILE CASES

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Circuit court costs, fees and surcharges are proscribed by law in Chapter 814 of the Wisconsin
 2 Statutes. Subsection 814.66 applies to the office of the Register in Probate. Probate and Juvenile Court
 3 handles other case types for which fees are not covered under the statutes resulting in cases filed with the
 4 court without a filing fee; and
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 6 **WHEREAS**, some fees and costs collected by the Register in Probate are different from fees collected by the
 7 Clerk of Circuit Court for the same items; and
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 9 **WHEREAS**, employees of the Register in Probate and Clerk of Circuit Court typically work in close proximity
 10 and sometimes in the same office. Register in Probate Employees and Clerk of Circuit Court employees use
 11 CCAP provided computers and printers and there is no discernable difference in the operation of these two
 12 offices related to copying or issuing certificates; and
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 14 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee considered and hereby supports urging the Legislature to revise the
 15 statutes to require fees and costs charged by the Clerk of Circuit Court and Register in Probate to be the
 16 same for the same item or service.
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 18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
 19 17th day of December 2019, that the Board supports the Wisconsin Register in Probate Association in its
 20 efforts to revise the Wisconsin Statutes to create consistency in the fee structure.
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 22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Tony
 23 Evers, Senator André Jacque, Representative Joel Kitchens, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the
 24 Wisconsin Register in Probate Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
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