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RESOLUTION#

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ITEM# 5-2

DATE July 18, 2017

Effective Date July 18, 2017

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative Committee  
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Motion: Adopted:  LAD

1st Hamilton Lost:

2nd LaFontaine Tabled:

No: 1 Yes: 18 Absent: 0

Number of votes required:  
 Majority  Two-thirds

Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support the creation of a bipartisan procedure at the state level for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		✓	
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A	✓		
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Kremer, B			
9	Winch, W			
10	Henkel, H			
11	Curry, K			
12	Machon, D			
13	Hokamp, M			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pfimpl, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

WHEREAS, currently under the state constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the decennial federal census by the majority party, and at the same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census; and

WHEREAS, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that put the desire of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the people; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting those maps cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and

WHEREAS, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting that was done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to support the creation of a bipartisan procedure at the state level for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process promotes more accountability and transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

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BILL CLEDDENNING (Chairman)  
 ED WAGNER  
 BILL LEICHTNAM  
 KEN CURRY  
 DAVE LAFONTAINE

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 18th day of July, 2017.

Cynthia Capress County Clerk  
Paul A. Alford County Board Chairman