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DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 85

**In Support of Telecommuting Opportunities and
Telecommuter Forward! Certification**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors supports and commits to promote the availability of telecommuting options, and

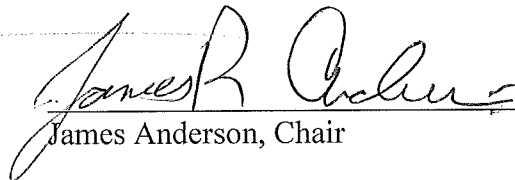
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation is hereby designated as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within Dunn County, including the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate and partner with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders;
- Collaborate with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages;
- Communicate and partner with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals;
- Promote telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces;
- Be familiar with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources;
- Maintain regular communication with the state broadband office; and
- Make regular reports to the Dunn County Board of Supervisors.

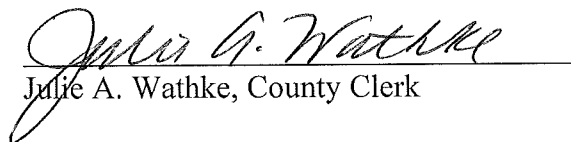
Offered this 17th day of October, 2018, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES
AND TOURISM COMMITTEE:

Adopted on: October 17, 2018


James Anderson, Chair

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Adoption of the resolution will have no impact on the 2018 or proposed 2019 budgets.

Background Information: 2017 Wisconsin Act 342 created a process for municipalities to become certified as "Telecommuter Forward!" communities, if they adopt a resolution stating support for and commitment to promote the availability of telecommuting options, and providing for a single point of contact, subject to certain requirements, for coordinating telecommuting opportunities.

Trends are that rural population is declining. However, young to middle-aged adults are moving back to rural areas. Workers who can work remotely from any location can purchase real estate in Dunn County, enroll their children in local schools, purchase goods and services locally, and enjoy the flexibility of working at home to promote a healthy family life. Businesses can start up or locate in Dunn County, and recruit employees for telecommuter positions. More telecommuting jobs can keep the younger population here, encourage middle-aged adults to stay or move back, and provide vibrant employment options for those who are 65 of age and older. Telecommuting is good for Dunn County. It adds to the local tax base and strengthens the local economy.

Telecommuter Forward! certification will encourage and facilitate partnership with broadband providers to promote job opportunities in the teleworking field and enable Dunn County to promote itself as ideal place to live and work to people who telecommute and businesses that are recruiting employees for telecommuting positions.

After adoption of this resolution, Dunn County will be able to apply to the Public Service Commission for certification as a Telecommuter Forward! Community.