RESOLUTION 2-20/8
RESOLUTION TO URGE CREATION OF A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS

INTRODUCED BY: Administrative and Finance Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To urge creation of a nonpartisan procedure for preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

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 desires 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; and

WHEREAS: The process would promote more accountability and transparency and would prohibit the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and the incumbents’ residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U. S. Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of Supervisors urges the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Adams 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 Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the State legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Clerk.
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Recommended for adoption by the Administrative and Finance Committee this
5 day of January, 2018.

Adopted x by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this
Tabled 16 day of January, 2018.

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel
Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator

County Board Chair
County Clerk

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County of Adams
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County of Adams in the State of Wisconsin.

Annie West
Chairman
August 1, 2018

Cheryl Browning
County Clerk