



DOOR COUNTY

**Resolution No. 2020-04
SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 544
WORKFORCE HOUSING TAX CREDITS**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD			
BACON			
BULTMAN			
CHOMEAU			
D. ENGLEBERT			
R. ENGLEBERT			
ENIGL			
FISHER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HALSTEAD			
HEIM PETER			
KOCH			
KOHOUT			
LIENAU			
LUNDAHL			
NEINAS			
NORTON			
ROBILLARD			
VIRLEE			
VLIES WOTACHEK			
WAIT			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Robillard Defeated

2nd Bacon

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution. STW

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 28th day of January, 2020 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau
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County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority is a self-supporting
2 private corporation that receives no tax dollars for its operations and has a Mission Statement "to
3 stimulate the state's economy and improve the quality of life for Wisconsin residents by providing
4 affordable housing and business financing products"; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, WHEDA's Vision Statement is "to provide the tools to help people and
7 communities realize their hopes and dreams"; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, WHEDA is known as a leader in innovative housing strategies; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, The State of Wisconsin is presently considering Assembly Bill 544 (as amended
12 by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1), which proposes investing \$10 million in WHEDA funds for
13 Workforce housing tax credits to stimulate the development of Workforce housing; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 544 (as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1) also
16 allows WHEDA to leverage its resources for greater benefit by engaging with existing partners in
17 new ways and by encouraging potential partners to consider new opportunities in rural
18 communities; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Housing developers and municipal leaders have pointed to factors including rising
21 housing costs, limited developer interest due to the smaller scale of rural projects, aging housing
22 stock, few affordable rental options, zoning and infrastructure challenges, and limited financing for
23 new construction and renovation projects that currently hamper Workforce housing development;
24 and

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26 **WHEREAS**, In February of 2019 the Door County Economic Development Corporation
27 released the results of the third-party report Door County Housing Analysis; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, The Door County Housing Analysis studied the need for Workforce housing for
30 employees earning between 60% and 120% of Area Median Income (AMI); and

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32 **WHEREAS**, The Door County Housing Analysis determined that Door County had a
33 cumulative structural gap between 2010 and 2017 of 470 Workforce housing apartment units and
34 a future need of an additional 110 Workforce housing apartment units between 2018 and 2023.

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors for the County of Door
37 does hereby support Assembly Bill 544 (as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1) and
38 its potential to stimulate needed housing development so that rural counties, including the County
39 of Door, may help solve their present Workforce housing deficit.

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Door County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
42 resolution to the Executive Director, Door County Economic Development, Representative Joel
43 Kitchens, Senator André Jacque, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY: Legislative Committee

Nancy Robillard
Nancy Robillard, Chairperson

Bob Bultman
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David Enigl
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Alexis Heim Peter
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Linda Wait
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