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DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 34

**To Conduct a Countywide Advisory Referendum on the Creation of a
Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and
Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts "according to the number of inhabitants" at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, because state and federal legislative redistricting is controlled by the majority party at the time of the redistricting, legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that puts the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the people. Redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats; and

WHEREAS, the state and congressional districts belong to the citizens of Wisconsin and not to any legislator, interest group or political party. The redistricting process should not be a tool used by those in power to protect and bolster their power, but should be designed with the best interest of Wisconsin's democracy and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's historical practice of redistricting by the majority party in each legislative chamber is an outdated practice that stifles political competition, discourages compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the transparency necessary to reinforce citizens' faith in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, a non-partisan process would promote accountability and transparency and prohibit 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; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need at this time to restore trust, compromise and fair competition to Wisconsin politics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve and direct that the following question be placed on the November 3, 2020, Fall election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

YES _____ NO _____

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 Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Administration is directed to transfer funds needed to conduct this referendum from the Contingency line item of the General Fund Budget to the appropriate line item(s) for expenditure.

Offered this 17th day of June, 2020, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

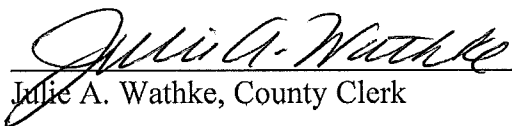
OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Adopted on: June 17, 2020



David Bartlett, Chair

ATTEST:



Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:



Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Approval of this resolution will result in expenditures in the 2020 adopted budget that have not yet been appropriated. Costs for election equipment programming, ballot printing, and publication, are estimated at \$8,050.00.