Enrolled No. R160-003 RESOLUTION File No. 15-16/154

-SUPPORTING A CHANGE IN STATE LAW TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES TO MAKE COUNTY CIVILIAN CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS PROTECTIVE STATUS UNDER THE WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM-

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County created the civilian correctional officer classification in 1990 and began the transition from a jail staffed by deputy sheriffs to civilian correctional officers at that time; and

WHEREAS, civilian correctional officers do not meet the principal duties test that 51% or more of their duties consist of active law enforcement duties as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 40.02(48)(a) as interpreted by Wisconsin Appellate Court Decisions; and

WHEREAS, civilian correctional officers are classified as general employees and state prison guards are classified as protective service under the Wisconsin Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the duties of a civilian correctional officer and state prison guard for supervising and disciplining inmates are similar; and

WHEREAS, we believe civilian correctional officers as well as state correctional officer's duties require frequent exposure to a high degree of danger or peril and also require a high degree of conditioning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors support a change in state law to allow individual counties to make county civilian correctional officers protective status under the Wisconsin Retirement System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: May 3, 2016

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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COUNTY OF EAU CLAIRE

I, Janet K. Loomis, County Clerk in and for said county, do HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on May 3, 2016.

Janet K Loomis

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk