

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A NONPARTISAN
PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS**

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 WHEREAS, under the Wisconsin constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict
2 legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the
3 decennial federal census by the majority party; and
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5 WHEREAS, at the same interval, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts
6 pursuant to federal law; and
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8 WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this
9 procedure are used to elect members of the Wisconsin legislature and members of Congress in the
10 fall of the second year following the year of the census; and
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12 WHEREAS, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been
13 subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of
14 the people; and
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16 WHEREAS, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting those maps
17 cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; and
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19 WHEREAS, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting done in
20 Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and
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22 WHEREAS, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by
23 Republicans or Democrats; and
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25 WHEREAS, Manitowoc County has created supervisory districts in a nonpartisan manner
26 while balancing the interests of multiple parties and believes that its approach has served the
27 citizens of Manitowoc County very well;
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29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitowoc County Board of
30 Supervisors supports the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and
31 congressional redistricting plans; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors desires
34 that any procedure created promotes accountability and transparency and prohibits the
35 consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or
36 demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority
37 participation as required by the United States Constitution; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors directs
40 the Manitowoc County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to
41 Governor Scott Walker.

Dated this 30th day of October 2017.

Respectfully submitted by the
Executive Committee



Jim Brey, Chair

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FISCAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved by Comptroller. 

LEGAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel. 

I respect the prerogative of the members of the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors to voice their opinions on legislative issues. Therefore, it is my practice to neither approve nor veto a legislative policy resolution that has been enacted by the County Board in order to allow the County Board, acting as the legislative branch of county government, to freely express its sentiment on legislative and public policy issues or to request action by a governmental entity, or both.



Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

10/31/17

(Date)

Holschbach	YES	Baumann	(M) YES
Nickels	YES	Wagner	YES
Metzger	YES	Cavanaugh	YES
Brey	YES	Maresh	Absent
Nasep	NO	Muench	YES
Hansen	YES	Falkowski	NO
Vogt	YES	Hoffman	YES
Williams	YES	Gerroll	Absent
Gauger	YES	Dyzak	Absent
Zimmer	Absent	Henrickson	YES
Vogel	YES	Weiss	YES
Behnke	(2) YES	Swade	YES
Waack	YES		

Res #1 **Passed (19 Y - 2 N - 0 A - 4 Absent)** **Majority Vote** **>**

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