

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2017**

RESOLUTION NO. 14—2017-18

Supervisor Grady moved, seconded by Supervisor Patience, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 14—2017-18 IS ADOPTED.

RollCall-Pro Advanced Tuesday, May 23, 2017					
1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	NO	26. DUNCAN	YES
3. GRADY	YES	15. VANDEN HEUVEL	YES	27. CULBERTSON	YES
4. PATIENCE	YES	16. LEMANSKI	Absent	28. STURN	YES
5. GABRIELSON	YES	17. CROATT	YES	29. BUCHMAN	YES
6. FOSS	YES	18. SPEARS	YES	30. GRIESBACH	YES
7. HAMMEN	YES	19. STUECK	YES	31. CLEGG	YES
8. T. KRUEGER	YES	20. THOMAS	YES	32. VANDERHEIDEN	YES
9. J. KRUEGER	YES	21. THYSSEN	YES	O'CONNOR-SCHEVERS	YES
10. LAMERS	YES	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	Absent
11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 14 Passed (33 Y - 1 N - 0 A - 2 Absent) Majority Vote >					

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin
2 Legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts “according to the number of
3 inhabitants” at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature
4 also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law.
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6 State and federal legislative redistricting is controlled by the majority party at the time of
7 the redistricting, legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to
8 partisan influence that puts the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of
9 the people. Redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by
10 Republicans or democrats.
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12 A panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting done in Wisconsin
13 in 2011 was unconstitutional. Legal costs in defense of the 2011 redistricting has already
14 cost taxpayers in excess of \$2.1 million, with the litigation still ongoing.
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16 The state and congressional districts belong to the citizens of Wisconsin and not to any
17 legislator, interest group or political party. The redistricting process should not be a tool
18 used by those in power to protect and bolster their power, but should be designed with the
19 best interest of Wisconsin’s democracy and its citizens.
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21 Wisconsin’s historical practice of redistricting by the majority party in each legislative
22 chamber is an outdated practice that stifles political competition, discourages
23 compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the transparency
24 necessary to reinforce citizen’s faith in the democratic process.
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26 There is a critical need at this time to restore trust, compromise and fair competition to
27 Wisconsin politics.
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29 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Legislative/Audit & Human Resources
30 Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

31 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does call upon the State
32 Legislature, before the start of the next redistricting process following the 2020 federal census, to pass
33 legislation that creates a fair, nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional
34 redistricting plans, that promotes more accountability and transparency, prohibits the consideration of
35 voting patterns, party information, and incumbents’ residence information or demographic information

1 in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S.
2 Constitution, and


3 BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors
4 advocates for an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution giving the responsibility of legislative
5 redistricting to a nonpartisan commission, and


6 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
7 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Executive, all Wisconsin counties, and the Outagamie
8 County Lobbyist for distribution to the Governor and the Legislature.


9 Dated this 23rd day of May 2017

10 Respectfully Submitted,

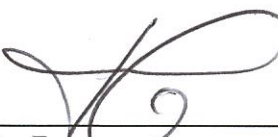
11 LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT &
12 HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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15 Travis Thyssen

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18 Cathy Spears

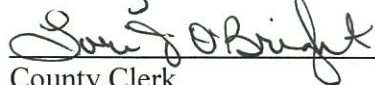
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21 Shane Griesbach

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24 Justin Krueger

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27 John Foss

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30 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: May 23, 2017

31 Signed: 
32 _____
33 Board Chairperson

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36 County Clerk

37 Approved: 5.25.17
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Vetoed: _____

Signed: 

County Executive