

**Advisory Resolution Supporting Legislation Addressing Illegal Activities  
Associated With Adult Entertainment Establishments**

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors desires to provide its citizens and visitors with safe and healthy communities, a healthy environment, and positive quality of life in which to reside and thrive; and,

**WHEREAS**, three adult entertainment establishments are within the geographic boundaries of Dodge County; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of investigations conducted by various law enforcement agencies, it is known that adult entertainment establishments provide a fertile environment for human trafficking, illicit drug sales and use, and other criminal activity; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dodge County is not unique, as several Wisconsin counties have adult entertainment establishments; therefore, combating the associated illegal activities therein is of a statewide concern; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Statutes provide tools to regulate such establishments, such as the liquor licensing laws and certain zoning tools; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors realizes that certain activities within adult entertainment establishments may have First Amendment protections; therefore, any legislation should be carefully drafted to address only the ancillary illegal activities; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, several state legislators recognized the negative impacts on residents, visitors, and the general public when adult entertainment establishments are operating within communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, at that time, state legislators indicated a willingness to introduce legislation to provide additional tools to combat human trafficking and the other illegal activity associated with these establishments;

**SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors that it strongly opposes the illegal activities associated with the operation of adult entertainment establishments; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors urges the Wisconsin Legislature to recognize that the illegal activities occurring within and around adult entertainment establishments negatively impact the quality of life of the citizens and visitors of the communities in which these establishments operate and these negative impacts are occurring throughout the State of Wisconsin; and,

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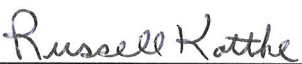
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors urges the Wisconsin Legislature to recognize that additional laws are needed to combat the illegal activities that are associated with these establishments, and that the liquor licensing laws alone are not effective to curb the illegal activities; and,


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Wisconsin Legislature to enact laws that would provide tools for counties, cities, villages and towns in addition to liquor licensing to assist local efforts in eradicating the negative impacts associated with the illegal activities occurring within and around these establishments; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Dodge County, and the Wisconsin Attorney General.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

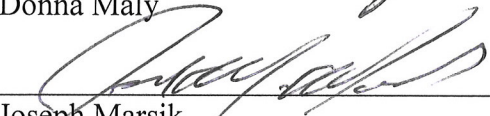
**Dodge County Executive Committee:**

  
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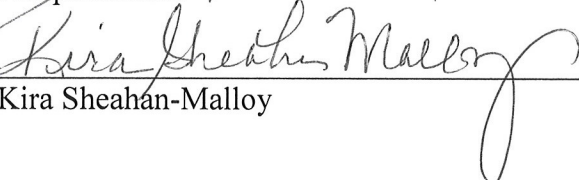
  
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**Vote Required:** Majority of members present

**Resolution Summary:** Advisory Resolution supporting legislation addressing illegal activities associated with adult entertainment establishments.

**ADOPTED  
BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD**

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ABSENT 0  
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