

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 6/13/18
4 Date of publication: _____

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6 **2018 RESOLUTION 15**

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8 **Support for a County Biennial Budget**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Counties in the State of Wisconsin are not permitted to budget on a biennial
11 basis because pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a County Administrator or County
12 Executive is required to submit an annual budget to the County Board of Supervisors; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, budgeting on an annual basis takes up considerable staff time each year that,
15 should Counties be allowed to budget on a biennial basis, would allow staff time to focus on other
16 areas such as strategic planning, implementing policies, and improving County operations on a
17 day-to-day basis; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, budgeting on a biennial basis would place Counties in a better position to
20 incorporate strategic planning into the budgeting process by focusing on the County’s long-term
21 objectives and priorities and the strategies necessary to achieve those objectives; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, budgeting on a biennial basis would permit Counties to focus on providing
24 for long-term fiscal health, a Washington County priority objective for a *Well Governed and*
25 *Administered County* rather than simply balancing the budget for the immediate year; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, allowing a County to adopt a biennial budgeting process would allow it the
28 freedom to choose a budgeting process that it deems best suited to address the needs of the public
29 it serves;

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
32 Supervisors that this Board seeks the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association to take this
33 objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington County Clerk shall send a copy of
36 this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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40 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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42 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution requesting the support of the Wisconsin Counties
43 Association to bring this objective before the Wisconsin Legislature.
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1 APPROVED:
2 (signed by Bradley S. Stern)
3 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney

4 Dated 6/13/18

6 Considered 6/13/18

7 Adopted 6/13/18

8 Ayes 23 Noes 1 Absent 2

9 Voice Vote _____

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11 (There is currently no direct fiscal impact related to this resolution. Indirect fiscal impact includes
12 substantial staff savings across the county and other related costs.)

Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

(signed by Donald A. Kriefall)
Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson