

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 148—2018-19***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1           On November 6, 2018, the voters of Outagamie County, through an advisory referendum,  
2           overwhelmingly advised the state legislature to pass a bill that closes the dark stores  
3           loophole. Closing the loophole would effectively prevent valuation of ongoing  
4           commercial retail properties from being valued as though such properties were shuttered  
5           and vacant. Allowing the loophole to exist creates an inordinate and inequitable tax shift  
6           from commercial real estate to residential properties. This resolution serves as  
7           acknowledgement by the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors that the county's  
8           electorate clearly wants legislation to address the dark store issue and further serves as  
9           the board's notice to state legislators that the county board, on behalf of its residents,  
10          requests remedial legislation to close the dark stores loophole.

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12          NOW, THEREFORE, the Legislative/Audit and Human Resources Committee recommends  
13          adoption of the following resolution.

14          BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors, based upon the results of  
15          the November 6 "Dark Stores" advisory referendum, requests those state legislators who represent the  
16          residents of Outagamie County, as well as the state legislature as a whole, to heed the clear results of the  
17          referendum and adopt legislation to close the Dark Stores loophole, and

18          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County lobbyist present a copy of this  
19          resolution along with the results of the November 6, 2018 Dark Stores referendum to the state legislators  
20          representing Outagamie County, and

21          BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county board chairman request a written  
22          response from each state legislator representing the residents of Outagamie County as to their proposed  
23          course of action on closing the Dark Stores loophole, requesting such written responses prior to the first  
24          meeting in February and reporting to the county board at the first February meeting as to each written  
25          response or failure to respond, and


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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Outagamie County Lobbyist and Outagamie County Board Chairperson.

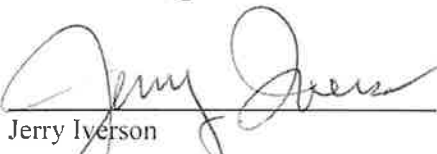
Dated this 11th day of December, 2018. Respectfully submitted,

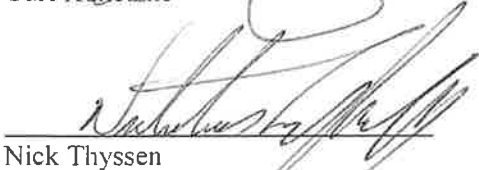
LEGISLATIVE/AUDIT & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

  
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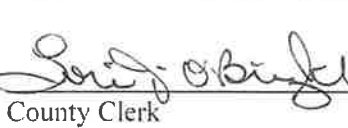
  
Curt Konezke

  
Jerry Iverson

  
Nick Thyssen

Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: December 11, 2018

Signed:   
Board Chairperson

  
County Clerk

Approved: 12.10.18

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:   
County Executive