



Resolution No. 4 (2020)
RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM ON QUESTION FOR FAIR MAPS

1 **WHEREAS**, under the state constitution, the majority party of the legislature is directed
2 at its next session following the decennial federal census to redistrict legislative districts
3 according to the number of inhabitants; and, at the same interval, the legislature also reapportions
4 congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the current procedure stifles political participation, discourages
7 collaboration and compromise, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by
8 undermining the principle of one-person-one-vote; it allows the legislature to choose its voters
9 rather than the voters choosing their representatives; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, a non-partisan process promotes more accountability and transparency and
12 prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence
13 information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure
14 minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the 2011 Wisconsin legislative process to draw the maps and fight litigation
17 contesting those maps 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
20 in 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.
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of
26 Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure of legislative and congressional
27 redistricting plans.
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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors, in
30 legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April
31 7, 2020 Spring election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

32 **Question: Should St. Croix County request that the Wisconsin Legislature create a**
33 **nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans**
34 **and maps?**
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36 _____ **YES** _____ **NO**
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
39 resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the
40 Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state
41 legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

ABSENT:

Lynda Miller, Bob Feidler, District 13, Paulette Anderson

This Resolution was Adopted by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on January 7, 2020

Cindy Campbell, County Clerk