Re: Affirming the Right of all Wisconsin Citizens to Fair and Equal Representation and Requesting the Adoption of a Nonpartisan Process for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

WHEREAS, currently, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following such decennial federal census, and

WHEREAS, at the same intervals, the Legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law, and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the Legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors supports the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all levels of municipal, county, and state legislative and congressional redistricting plans without consideration of voting patterns, party information, incumbent residence information, and/or demographic information that in any way significantly distorts the right of fair and equal representation afforded to all Wisconsin citizens under the state and federal constitutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Wisconsin legislative and executive branches to work together to enact bipartisan legislation that would create a fair and nonpartisan process for drawing legislative and congressional redistricting plans, as well as promote more accountability and transparency in the redistricting process.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of September, 2019.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Wegner, Chairperson

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STATE OF WISCONSIN) I, Jon Dolson do hereby COUNTY OF SHEBOYGAN) certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on this date.

Date: 09-17-19

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