



March 14, 2018

County Clerk

Wisconsin Counties Association
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Madison, WI 53703

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

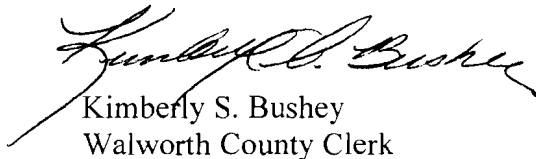
To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the following Walworth County resolution:

Resolution No. 59-03/18 – Opposing 2017 Senate Bill 777 and
2017 Assembly Bill 923 Relating to Increasing the Authority of a
County Executive from a Populous County and Other Counties
and Reducing the Authority of a County Board

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors requested that this resolution be
forwarded to your office at their March 13, 2018 County Board meeting.

Sincerely,



Kimberly S. Bushey
Walworth County Clerk

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Enclosure

Resolution No. 59 - 03/18

Opposing 2017 Senate Bill 777 and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 Relating to Increasing the Authority of a County Executive from a Populous County and Other Counties and Reducing the Authority of a County Board

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator have
4 successfully worked together for many years achieving fiscal responsibility and providing
5 innovative programs; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, proposed 2017 Senate Bill 777 (“SB 777”) and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 (“AB
8 923”) make a number of changes to laws relating to the authority of county executives and
9 administrators and county boards; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, SB 777 and AB 923 generally provide that any power conferred to a county
12 executive or administrator must be broadly and liberally construed and limited only by express
13 language, and that, to the extent that a conflict exists between county board action and county
14 executive or administrator action, the action of the executive or administrator shall prevail, to the
15 extent of the conflict; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, SB 777 and AB 923 change the authority of county executives and county boards
18 statewide relative to acceptance of donations, gifts, and grants, and transportation leases; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, SB 777 and AB 923 restrict county board actions related to the budget; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, SB 777 and AB 923 allow the county executive or administrator to determine
23 whether to utilize biennial budgeting; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, SB 777 and AB 923, generally, fundamentally expand the powers that may be
26 exercised by the county executive and administrator and limit the powers that may be exercised
27 by a county board; and,
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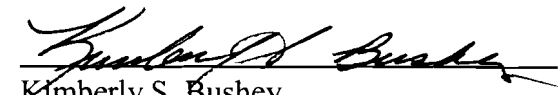
29 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors is strongly opposed to any provisions
30 that would significantly change the current powers of county boards, executives and
31 administrators; and,
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33 **WHEREAS**, the policy changes in SB 777 and AB 923 have not been properly vetted nor has
34 the general public been properly informed of the shift in the balance of power among their local
35 elected officials.
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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors
38 hereby expresses its opposition to 2017 Senate Bill 777 and 2017 Assembly 923.
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of
2 this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, State Legislators representing Walworth County and
3 the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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7 Nancy Russell
8 County Board Chair

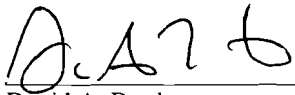



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10 County Board Meeting Date: March 13, 2018

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12 Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote _____ Other _____

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

	<u> 5 March 18 </u>		<u> 3/5/18 </u>
David A. Bretl	Date	Nicole Andersen	Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel		Deputy County Administrator - Finance	

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

This Resolution/Ordinance was:
Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: Noes: Absent:
Date March 13, 2018

Policy and Fiscal Note
Resolution No. 59 - 03/18

- I. **Title:** Opposing 2017 Senate Bill 777 and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 Relating to Increasing the Authority of a County Executive from a Populous County and Other Counties and Reducing the Authority of a County Board

- II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to oppose 2017 Senate Bill 777 and 2017 Assembly Bill 923 relating to increasing the authority of a county executive from a populous county and other counties and reducing the authority of a county board.

- III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will not fiscally impact the county budget.

- IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

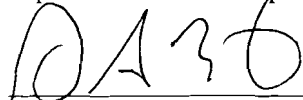
Committee: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: February 19, 2018

Vote: 5-0

County Board Meeting Date: March 13, 2018

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

 5 March 18

David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

 3/5/18

Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator – Finance

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