

Resolution No. 01-21

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS

1 **TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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3 **WHEREAS**, currently under the state constitution, the legislature is directed
4 to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next
5 session following the decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the
6 same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts
7 pursuant to federal law, and

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9 **WHEREAS**, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted
10 pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and
11 members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the
12 census, and

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14 **WHEREAS**, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin
15 have been subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead
16 of the electoral prerogative of the people, and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation
19 contesting those maps cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million, and

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21 **WHEREAS**, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the
22 redistricting that was done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional, and

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24 **WHEREAS**, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is
25 done by Republicans or Democrats,

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27 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Polk County Board of
28 Supervisors insists upon the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the
29 preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans, and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the process promotes more
32 accountability and transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting
33 patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or
34 demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure
35 minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a
38 copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin
39 Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League
40 of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin
41 County.

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SUBMITTED BY:
Frances Duncanson

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Olson		X	
Route	X		
Warndahl	X		
Nelson (Chairperson)			X
LaBlanc	X		
Ruck		X	
Prichard	X		
Kelly		X	
O'Connell	X		
Middleton	X		
Luke (2 nd Vice Chair)	X		
Duncanson	X		
Arcand		X	
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)	X		
Demulling	X		

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: A two-thirds vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Duncanson Defeated

2nd LaBlanc

Yes: 10 No: 4 Exc: 1

Reviewed by:
Melba F. Malone, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:
Vince Nathanson, Administrator

Reviewed by:
[Signature], Finance

FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:
This Resolution has no fiscal or significant legal impact on County operations and only modifies internal procedures for filling a mid-term vacancy on the Board and the manner in which the Board receives public comments.

Certification:

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 19th day of January, 2021 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

Lisa R. Ross
Lisa Ross
County Clerk, Polk County

Committee General Government

Recommended
 Not Recommended
 Neutral