

RESOLUTION NO.: 102—2020-21

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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1 The COVID-19 global pandemic has caused significant health and economic impacts in
2 our community, county, state, nation and worldwide. The State of Wisconsin has recently
3 been experiencing record numbers of COVID-19 cases, where more than 3,300 people
4 have died from the virus, most whom are age 60 or older, and more than a quarter of these
5 deaths were people who lived in long-term care facilities.
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7 The COVID-19 pandemic burden has remained at a very high level in our community over
8 the past several weeks, with Outagamie County averaging 101 cases per day over the past
9 14 day period, and local health care systems warning of capacity limitations due to
10 increased COVID-19 hospitalizations. Efforts to manage the surging number of COVID-
11 19 cases in our hospitals, long-term care facilities, and throughout the community are
12 stressing our public infrastructure to the limits.
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14 The Wisconsin State Supreme Court has issued rulings that have invalidated parts of
15 Governor Evers' statewide orders designed to help control the spread of the COVID-19
16 virus in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Legislature has not met since April to take action
17 on COVID-19, however, plans to do so in December to consider Governor Evers' COVID-
18 19 relief package that was released on November 17, 2020.
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20 The lack of a clear statewide plan developed by infectious disease specialists to help control
21 the spread of the COVID-19 virus and supported by all three branches of Wisconsin
22 government has led to confusion, unnecessary deaths, and economic loss in our state. It is
23 incumbent upon all state elected officials to put partisanship aside and work together to
24 protect the health and well-being of the people they represent and support economic
25 recovery from the impacts of the pandemic. The Wisconsin Hospital Association has
26 recently called upon our elected officials to do just that, warning of "a health care crisis in
27 Wisconsin that, without significant, swift, and unified action, will become a catastrophe."
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29 NOW THEREFORE, the following resolution is presented by the Health and Human Services
30 Committee to the County Board.

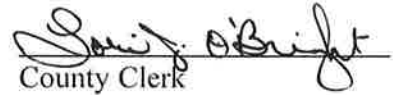
31 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does call on the Wisconsin
32 State Legislature to work with the State of Wisconsin Governor to pass legislation establishing consistent,
33 science-based, and enforceable statewide measures for controlling the COVID-19 pandemic in Wisconsin,
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1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of
2 this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution
3 to the legislators and the State of Wisconsin Governor.

4 Dated this 8th day of December 2020.

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6 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: December 8, 2020

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9 Signed: 
10 Board Chairperson


County Clerk

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12 Approved: 12/10/20

Vetoed: _____

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17 County Executive