

RESOLUTION NO. 15-03-21

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR
AND EACH OTHER TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has caused significant health and economic impacts to our community, county, state, country and world. As of February 22, 2021, the State of Wisconsin has experienced 555,998 total cases and 6,284 deaths with most areas in the state reporting high or very high case activity; and

WHEREAS, the Waushara County EOC has been up and running for 346 days as of February 24, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of February 22, 2021, Waushara County has had 2,091 total cases and 30 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department and Emergency Management continue to provide education and resources to our partners and the citizens of Waushara County to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as promoting proven mitigation strategies like hand washing, masking and social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has taken the necessary steps to become an approved vaccination facility and has started the vaccination process to help achieve herd immunity, but that effort will take several months due to the limited amount of available vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the local efforts are being impeded by the State's lack of a clear unified plan to help control the spread of COVID-19 due to the ongoing failure of the State Legislature and the Governor to find a way to put aside their political differences and work together to address this statewide medical crisis in a consistent, science-based, enforceable manner; and

WHEREAS, with evidence of new, more lethal, easily spread variants of COVID-19 present in Wisconsin, the importance of statewide measures, such as mandatory masking, to help protect the health and well-being of our family, friends and co-workers has never been greater. It is incumbent upon all elected officials, at every level, to take responsibility for recognizing the importance of putting partisan politics aside in the interest of public health and uniting in the global battle against the worst pandemic in a century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors encourages the Wisconsin Legislature to listen to the dozens of Wisconsin health care organizations and support the Governor's new Public Health Emergency Declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waushara County Board of Supervisors encourages the Wisconsin State Legislature to work in cooperation with Governor Evers to pass legislation establishing consistent, science-based and enforceable statewide measures for controlling the COVID-19 pandemic in Wisconsin and expediting our economic and educational recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waushara County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and the State Senators and Representatives representing Waushara County.

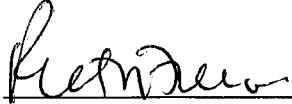
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Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 16th day of March, 2021.

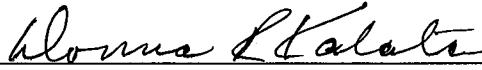
Denied this 16th day of March, 2021.

Approved as to Form:



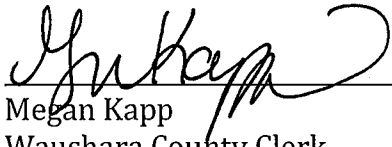
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Submitted by:




Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Executive Committee

Attest:



Megan Kapp
Waushara County Clerk

Signed by:



Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Waushara County Board of Supervisors