

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2020-2022

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

RE: PORTAGE COUNTY AFFIRMS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution explicitly states: “the Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land”,

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the United States is the supreme law of the United States and provides important limitations on the government that protect the fundamental rights of United States citizens including freedom of religion, speech, the press, assembly, the right to petition the Government, to bear and keep arms, among other rights, and protection from unreasonable search and seizure, criminal prosecution and punishment without due process, and guarantees a speedy trial by a jury of ones peers, among other protections,

WHEREAS, these are fundamental rights and protections held by the people of Portage County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the people of Portage County derive benefits from these Constitutional rights, including life, liberty, property, and other economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Supervisors recognizes that all Constitutional rights and protections are of utmost importance to its citizens, and does not value any one person’s rights or protections granted by the Constitution above another person’s.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby pledges Portage County to uphold the Constitution, and hereby states its opposition to the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon any right or protection provided to the people of Portage County by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state legislators who represent all or part of Portage County.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no fiscal obligations for the County associated with this resolution.

DATED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2021