

RESOLUTION No. 14 (2021-2022)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR STATE GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION REGARDING PANDEMIC AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has caused significant health and economic impacts in our community, county, state, nation and worldwide. As of June 8, 2021, the State of Wisconsin has experienced 611,000 total cases, 7,161 confirmed deaths and continues to experience a moderately high burden rate on a statewide basis; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County has surpassed the one-year mark of the declared Public Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 7, 2021, Waupaca County has had 5,030 total cases, 164 total deaths and continues to deal with a high disease activity; and

WHEREAS, Waupaca County's dedicated Public Health team continues its important work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by promoting proven mitigation strategies such as masking, social distancing, and hand washing. The Public Health team is working in close collaboration with our local, state and federal partners to protect our community through the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine as efficiently as possible to as many people who wish to receive the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the unfortunate lack of a clear statewide plan to mitigate the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 virus that is supported by all three branches of Wisconsin government has led to confusion, unnecessary deaths and increased economic loss in our state; and

WHEREAS, President Biden has released the American Rescue Plan which includes allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery with approximately \$2,533,160,626 allocated to the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, 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 recovery from the pandemic and in working collaboratively and cooperatively to appropriately and efficiently utilize and leverage federal funding distributed to the State government through the American Rescue Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors calls on the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Evers to work in collaboration to enact legislation and a state budget that utilizes the State of Wisconsin's allocation of American Rescue Plan federal funding for the maximum benefit of the citizens of Wisconsin to respond to the public health threat of COVID-19 and to recover from its negative economic effects state-wide; and

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

Passed this 15 day of June, 2021

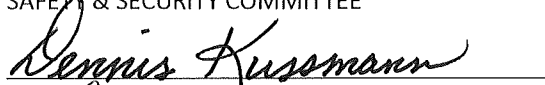
26 Ayes 0 Nays

ATTEST:



Jill Lodewegen
Waupaca County Clerk

RECOMMENDED FOR INTRODUCTION BY THE
WAUPACA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, ETHICS,
SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Diane L. Meulemans, Corporation Counsel