



RESOLUTION No. 554-22

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION
CLASSIFYING CIVILIAN CORRECTIONS OFFICERS
AS PROTECTIVE OCCUPATION PARTICIPANTS

WHEREAS, Marinette County created the civilian corrections officer classification in 1980's by transitioning from a jail staffed by deputy sheriffs to civilian corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, in Marinette County civilian corrections officers have been classified as General Participants under the Wisconsin Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, civilian corrections officers as determined by Wisconsin Appellate Court Decision failed to meet the Protective Occupation Participant definition set forth in Wis. Stat. § 40.02 (48) (a) and are not identified as Protective Occupation Participants in Wis. Stat. § 40.02 (48) (am); and

WHEREAS, State prison guards are classified as Protective Occupation Participant under the above reference Wis. Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the duties of a civilian corrections officer and State prison guard for supervising and disciplining inmates are very similar; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors supports the adoption of legislation to change the state law to allow civilian corrections officers to elect protective status under the Wisconsin Retirement System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Marinette County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Approved this 27th day of September 2022 by a majority of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature of John Guarisco]
John Guarisco, Chairperson

[Signature of Kathy Brandt]
Kathy Brandt, Clerk