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RESOLUTION FOR ADVISORY REFERENDUM REGARDING PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, During Wisconsin's 2020 General Election a private, non-profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, furnished approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to over 200 other Wisconsin municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Voters need to be able to trust that their local election officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity and are not under the influence of private resources that might impact how an election is administered.

WHEREAS, The ability to accept private funds for election administration can be used by any political party or special interest group to improperly influence the outcome of elections.

WHEREAS, In order to have a well-functioning election, voters need to have trust in the fairness of the process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government for the purposes of election administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 4, 2023 Spring Election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

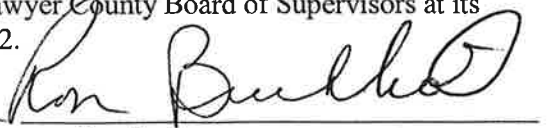
Question: Should the State of Wisconsin prohibit election officials from soliciting or using private funds, technology, or services from special interest groups, people, or other private entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums?

YES _____ NO _____

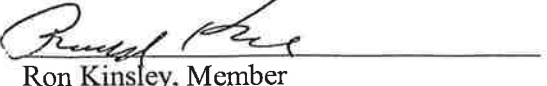
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its Administration Committee meeting on October 13, 2022.


Tweed Shuman, Chair


Ron Buckholtz, Vice-Chair


Dale Schlechter, Member


Ron Kinsley, Member