RESOLUTION NO. 5-23

SYNOPSIS: Ban TikTok from Columbia County Government Devices

INTRODUCED BY: Information Services and Property Committee

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:

WHEREAS, TikTok is owned by a Chinese company, ByteDance, that has access to all of the data and content created by, and viewed by American users: and,

WHEREAS, TikTok is promoted as a fun, innocent social media entertainment application; and,

WHEREAS, TikTok is actually nefarious Chinese Communist Party ("CCP") spyware that surveils American citizens, promotes CCP propaganda, and allows the CCP to censor and control Americans' news and content; and,

WHEREAS, common sense dictates that spyware should not be downloaded onto government devices including cell phones, tablets, and computers; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal government, as well as a growing number of state and local governments are banning TikTok from their government devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby orders that TikTok is banned from any and all Columbia County owned devices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective upon passage of this Resolution, the County Management Information Services Department shall take all necessary steps to ensure that TikTok is not downloaded onto, or is immediately removed from all County devices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Tony Evers, all Wisconsin legislators who represent Columbia County, both of Wisconsin's U.S. Senators, all eight (8) of Wisconsin's U.S. Representatives, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Fiscal Note: NONE.

Fiscal Impact: NONE.

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