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State of Wisconsin)

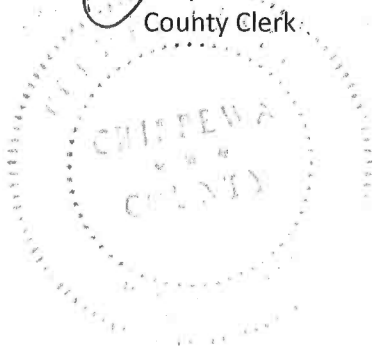
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Office of County Clerk

County of Chippewa)

I, Jaclyn J. Sadler, the County Clerk of Chippewa County, Wisconsin, do certify that the attached resolution was adopted by the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors on February 14, 2023.

Jaclyn J. Sadler
Jaclyn J. Sadler
County Clerk



Resolution No. 08 - 23

RES. 08-23: RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE STATE REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA TO A 50/50 SHARE WITH COUNTIES - MELANIE MCMANUS

WHEREAS, the collection of real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each county, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$5,442,620.08, of which the County retained \$1,088,852.16 and \$4,353.767.92 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using the pre-1981, 50/50 split of the real estate transfer fees, Chippewa County's share of the fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$1,632,457.88 in support of local government; and

WHEREAS, as of 2021, the State of Wisconsin had built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties have continued to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing cost of providing county government services in an inflationary economy along with the financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits; and

WHEREAS, revising the formula for the sharing of real estate transfer fees from the current 80/20 State/County share back to the pre-1981 formula of 50/50 State/County share would provide much needed revenue to counties struggling with budgets constrained by levy limits;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Chippewa County, the Wisconsin Counties

65 Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

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67 Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

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69 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

70 There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

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72 **02/14/2023 County Board**

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75 History:

76 02/07/23 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

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Approved as to Form:

<u>Todd A. Pauls</u>	<u>Lori Zwiefelhofer</u>
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel	Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director
1/30/2023	1/30/2023

Randy B. Scholz
Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator 1/30/2023

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1st Reading 2/14/2023 2nd Reading N/A
 Board Action - Vote Required 5/m
 For 21 Absent 0
 Against 0 Abstain 0
 Clerk Signature: Jaclyn Sadler