RESOLUTION NO. 634 – 26

RESOLUTION REQUESTING WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION LOBBY STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ON LEGISLATION FOR GREATER LOCAL CONTROL FOR WISCONSIN COUNTIES IN REGULATING LARGE-SCALE WIND AND SOLAR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, local governments in Wisconsin are closest to the people they serve and are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs, priorities, and challenges of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, public meetings and hearings held by local units of government allow for significantly more opportunity for public input than meetings and hearings held by the Public Service Commission in Madison; and,

WHEREAS, preserving local control is essential to maintaining accountability, transparency, and public trust in government, as well as ensuring that decisions reflect local values and conditions; and,

WHEREAS, statewide, one size fits all regulations do not always appropriately address the issues and needs of every Wisconsin community; and,

WHEREAS, a series of mandates and other agency actions have continuously shifted powers from the local to the state level; and,

WHEREAS, the geographic, environmental, and demographic diversity across Wisconsin counties necessitates localized approaches to governance that reflect each county's unique characteristics; and,

WHEREAS, state legislators have been making attempts to return local control to cities, villages and towns over large-scale wind and solar projects in several bills; and

WHEREAS, such attempts should also be applied to counties and county boards who are democratically elected bodies that directly represent the interests and values of their constituents; and,

WHEREAS, significant negative impacts on environmental habitats, public health, road infrastructure, and property values and taxes due to large-scale wind and solar projects in those areas where they exist are well established and documented; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Wisconsin Counties Association consider this issue and/or adopt this resolution and lobby the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor to support any and all efforts and legislation that would give local elected bodies greater control in regulating large

scale wind and solar projects to be in the best interest of their communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marinette County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Wisconsin Towns Association, all county boards in Wisconsin, and all local and state legislators who represent citizens across Marinette County for consideration, support, and action.

Adopted this 28th day of July 2026, by a majority of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors.

John M. Guarisco, Chairperson

Bobbie Borkowski, County Clerk

Recommended: Administrative Committee on July 16, 2026