Juneau County Board of Supervisors
Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948

RESOLUTION No. 26 - 45 **DATE: September 15, 2026**

INTRODUCED BY: Public Safety Committee

SYNOPSIS: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FISCAL NOTE: None.

Individual assistance programs are critical to helping residents and businesses recover after disasters by providing support such as emergency housing, home repairs, and financial aid. Wisconsin currently lacks a State-funded disaster assistance program, leaving many survivors reliant on limited federal resources and creating gaps in recovery. This resolution supports legislation to establish a state disaster relief fund, ensuring faster, more accessible assistance for individuals and businesses impacted by disasters across Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, individual assistance programs for citizens and businesses following a disaster are vital to the well-being and stability of communities, providing crucial support to families and industries during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, these programs, which may include but are not limited to emergency housing assistance, home assistance/repairs, housing, and financial support, are essential for addressing the immediate and long-term needs of residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, no State funding currently exists to help disaster victims in Wisconsin, and they are often left behind after disasters due to less accessible federal aid; and

WHEREAS, several other states have addressed this issue by creating a state fund for disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, legislation was introduced during the 2025-2026 legislative session to establish a State-funded disaster assistance program for individuals and businesses adversely affected by qualifying disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors supports the introduction and enactment of legislation establishing a State-funded disaster assistance program to provide timely financial assistance to individuals and businesses adversely affected by qualifying disasters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Juneau County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Governor of Wisconsin, and members of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Kim Strompolis, Chair

John Ard

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Carl Miller

Tim Miller

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on September 15, 2026.

Terri Treptow, Juneau County Clerk