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3 **RESOLUTION: Support Legislation to Repeal the**
4 **1992 Tax Levy Rate Limit on Counties**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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8 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Legislature, in 1992, posed a tax levy rate limit on counties; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, several counties are presently at risk of being unable to increase their tax
11 levy, and may possibly have to reduce their tax levy, because of the inter-play of tax levy rate
12 limits and a shrinking equalized real estate tax valuation; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, many of the counties at risk have never adopted a county sales tax or
15 adopted a county sales tax prior to the adoption of the tax levy rate limit; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin counties are presently under two separate tax levy restraints,
18 those being the 1992 tax levy operating rate limit and the provisions of Section 66.0602,
19 Wisconsin Statutes, which is often referred to as the tax levy freeze; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, nearly half the counties in Wisconsin have equalized property values that
22 are shrinking, with recent data from the Wisconsin Realtors Association suggesting that the
23 average market value of Wisconsin homes may have dropped by more than 7% in 2009; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the continuation of said tax levy rate limits will have a dramatic impact on the
26 2011 operating budgets of Wisconsin counties.

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
29 that it supports the repeal of the tax levy rate limits within Section 59.605, Wisconsin Statutes,
30 based upon those factors cited above.

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a
33 copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Winnebago County Clerk to the Office of Governor
34 James Doyle; to all Legislators representing constituents within Winnebago County; and to the
35 Wisconsin Counties Association.

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40 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

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Vote Requirement for Passage:

Majority of those present

Approved by Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of

_____, 2010.

Mark L. Harris
County Executive