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2 **RESOLUTION: Amend Section 3.3 of the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of**
3 **Supervisors**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised, 11th Edition (2011), Section 46: Nominations and
7 Elections, Page 437, Line 23, speaks to the impropriety of limiting voting in an election to the two leading candidates,
8 and states, ". . .any attempt to limit the number of candidates for an office to two (2), by whatever method they are
9 nominated, is an unfortunate practice that should be discouraged. Often the leading two (2) candidates for a position
10 will represent two different factions, and division within the organization may be deepened by limiting the election to
11 them. On the other hand, it may be possible to unite the members if the assembly has the choice of a compromised
12 candidate."; and

13 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned supervisor believes that the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of
14 Supervisors in relationship to the election of chair and vice-chair should be amended so as to conform with the
15 recommendations in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
17 amends Section 3.3 of the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to read as follows:

18 **3.3** A quorum being present, the Board shall proceed to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair.
19 ***Members nominated for those positions should be allowed to address the Board, should they so desire,***
20 ***prior to the commencement of voting.*** Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be by a majority of those
21 members present. ***Voting shall continue until a majority of votes is received. Voting shall continue until one***
22 ***candidate receives the majority of votes of those members present. ~~Should no supervisor gain a majority~~***
23 ***~~vote of those members present for either position, the lowest vote getter shall be deleted from the~~***
24 ***~~subsequent ballot until only two candidates for the position remain on the ballot.~~***

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26 Respectfully submitted by:

27 **Paul Eisen, District #4**

28 Committee Vote: _____

29 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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31 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2014.
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34 Mark L Harris
35 Winnebago County Executive