

2 **RESOLUTION: Oppose Proposed Lapse in State Funding to Circuit Court System**

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TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

6 **WHEREAS**, the 2013-2015 State Biennial Budget requires the Wisconsin court system to return a total of
7 \$11.8 million to the state general fund over the next two-year period, resulting in budget cuts that could affect the
8 circuit court system in Winnebago County; and

9 **WHEREAS**, if state budget cuts are made, the Winnebago County circuit court system will no longer receive
10 state funding at its previous level in the form of circuit court payments, interpreter assistance, and guardian ad litem
11 assistance; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the proposed reduction of funding and resulting budget cuts would create a significant financial
13 challenge to Winnebago County, thus potentially resulting in an increased tax levy; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Winnebago County to oppose this proposed budget reduction.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it states its
16 opposition to the lapse of funding for the Wisconsin court system over the next two-year period.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution
18 be transmitted by the Winnebago County Clerk to all legislators representing Winnebago County constituents; to the
19 Office of Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; to the State Courts Director; to the
20 Wisconsin Counties Association; and to the Office of Governor Scott Walker.

21 Respectfully submitted by:

22 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

23 Committee Vote: **14-0**

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

25 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive