151-42015 1 **RESOLUTION:** Urge the Wisconsin Legislature to Seek Alternative Revenue Sources in 2 Order to Reduce the Borrowing Required to Fund the Transportation 3 4 Portion of the FY 2016/2017 State Budget 5 TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: 6 7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has introduced his proposed Wisconsin State Budget for 8 fiscal years 2016/2017; and 9 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature, more specifically the Joint Finance Committee, has and will be 10 undertaking the task of debating the Governor's Budget and making tough fiscal decisions for the State for the next two-year period; and 11 12 WHEREAS, the Governor's Proposed Budget is structured so as to request transportation borrowing in 13 excess of \$1.4 Billion to make up for revenue shortfalls; and 14 WHEREAS, Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb submitted a Transportation Budget with 15 several revenue generating proposals such as changes to motor fuel taxes, registration fees, user fees, and fuel 16 efficient vehicle fees, which would possibly reduce the reliance on borrowing to fund transportation improvements 17 and programs; and 18 WHEREAS, borrowing up to \$1.4 Billion to balance budget shortfalls is not a sustainable long-term strategy. 19 Up to 25% of the Transportation Fund revenues will go to debt service should borrowing to this level take place. 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby 21 22 urges the Wisconsin Legislature to seek alternative revenue sources in order to reduce the borrowing component of 23 the Governor's Proposed FY 2016/2017 State Transportation Budget. 24 25 Respectfully submitted by: 26 **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE** 27 Committee Vote: 5-0 28 Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present 29 30 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of ______, 2012. 31 32

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