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2 **RESOLUTION: Urge the Wisconsin Legislature to Transfer Jurisdiction of 17-Year-Old**  
3 **Delinquent Offenders Back into the Juvenile Justice System from the**  
4 **Adult Corrections System**

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

8 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is one of only nine states in which 17-year-old offenders fall under the jurisdiction of  
9 the adult corrections system; and

10 **WHEREAS**, 98% of crimes committed by 17-year-old offenders are insignificant or considered not serious;  
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, 10,000 17-year-old offenders are moved into the adult corrections system each year and, as a  
13 result, these offenders have an adult criminal record; and

14 **WHEREAS**, having an adult criminal record will negatively impact future opportunities such as college and  
15 employment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the brain development of a 17-year-old minor is not complete in the area of recognition, and this  
17 may have a the long-term impact of decisions he or she makes; and

18 **WHEREAS**, states that have moved 17-year-old offenders back into the juvenile justice system have  
19 exhibited reduced recidivism and costs; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on a trial basis, Outagamie County has successfully treated fifty-four (54) 17-year-old offenders  
21 under the juvenile justice system at little or no cost and with no repeat incidents. Additionally, the juvenile offenders  
22 are making restitution and receiving treatment.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
25 urges the Wisconsin State Senate and Wisconsin State Assembly to pass legislation to transfer jurisdiction of 17-  
26 year-old offenders back into the juvenile justice system from the adult corrections system.

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the  
29 Winnebago County Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Office of Governor Scott Walker, to the  
30 Wisconsin Counties Association, and to all senators and legislators representing Winnebago County constituents.

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32 Respectfully submitted by:

33 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

34 Committee Vote: **9-3**

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

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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40 Mark L Harris  
41 Winnebago County Executive