## RESOLUTION: Support an Amendment to the State Constitution to Make Certain County Elections Non-Partisan

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin State Constitution makes elections for the Offices of District Attorney, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Surveyor, Coroner, and Clerk of Circuit Courts partisan offices; and

WHEREAS, other county elected officials are elected on a non-partisan basis; and

WHEREAS, elections for non-partisan offices are held in April and elections for partisan offices are held in November; and

WHEREAS, this practice leads to additional expenses for counties and creates confusion for voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports a constitutional amendment to make elections for the Offices of District Attorney, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Treasurer, Surveyor, Coroner, and Clerk of Circuit Courts non-partisan offices.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to all legislators within the Wisconsin Legislature, to the Office of Governor Scott Walker, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by:

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote:

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Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2011.

Mark L Harris

Winnebago County Executive