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3 **RESOLUTION: Reduce Size of Winnebago County**
4 **Board of Supervisors to 35 Members**

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

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8 **WHEREAS**, Section 59.10 Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, provides county boards
9 throughout the State of Wisconsin with the authority to reduce the size of the county board on a
10 one-time basis subsequent to re-appointment after a decennial census; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned supervisors believe that any sizeable reduction in the size
13 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors would limit the contact that persons in rural towns
14 have with their elected supervisor; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, county government is important to persons in rural areas in that many direct
17 services are provided to persons in unincorporated areas by county government, whereas, such
18 services are provided in incorporated areas by city or village governments; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned County Board Supervisors believe that it is in the best
21 interest of Winnebago County and the electors within their districts to implement a slight reduction
22 in size of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors so as to preserve meaningful
23 representation to all persons with Winnebago County in relationship to county government and
24 particularly those in rural areas; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County has zoning approval authority in all 16 towns in
27 Winnebago County under Chapter 59 Wisconsin Statutes, but does not have zoning approval
28 authority in city or villages in Winnebago County. This exemplifies that supervisor districts in the
29 rural town areas is critical and should not be diminished anymore than required by law.

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
32 that pursuant to Section 59.10, Wisconsin Statutes, the size of the Winnebago County Board of
33 Supervisors is hereby reduced from 36 supervisors to 35 supervisors.

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the
36 Planning Department of Winnebago County is hereby directed to prepare a map with the
37 proposed redistricting plan pursuant to this Resolution and submit such map to the Judiciary and
38 Public Safety Committee of the County Board of Supervisors within ninety (90) days of the date of
39 this Resolution.

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said
42 redistricting map shall be subject to the final approval of the full Winnebago County Board of
43 Supervisors.

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45 Submitted by:

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47 **CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT #30**
48 **JEROLD FINCH, DISTRICT #28**
49 **HARVEY RENGSTORF, DISTRICT #35**
50 **THOMAS KONETZKE, DISTRICT #1**
51 **NANCY BARKER, DISTRICT #2**
52 **JIM ENGLEBERT, DISTRICT #3**
53 **DONALD MILLER, DISTRICT #6**
54 **LAWRENCE SMITH, DISTRICT #8**
55 **TIM HAMBLIN, DISTRICT #10**
56 **MARIBETH GABERT, DISTRICT #12**

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**TRAVIS SWANSON, DISTRICT #13
SUSAN LOCKE, DISTRICT #26
GUY HEGG, DISTRICT #27
JOANNE SIEVERT, DISTRICT #29
TOM ELLIS, DISTRICT #34
TOM EGAN, DISTRICT #33
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS**

Vote Requirement for Passage:

Approved by Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of January, 2011.

Mark L. Harris
County Executive